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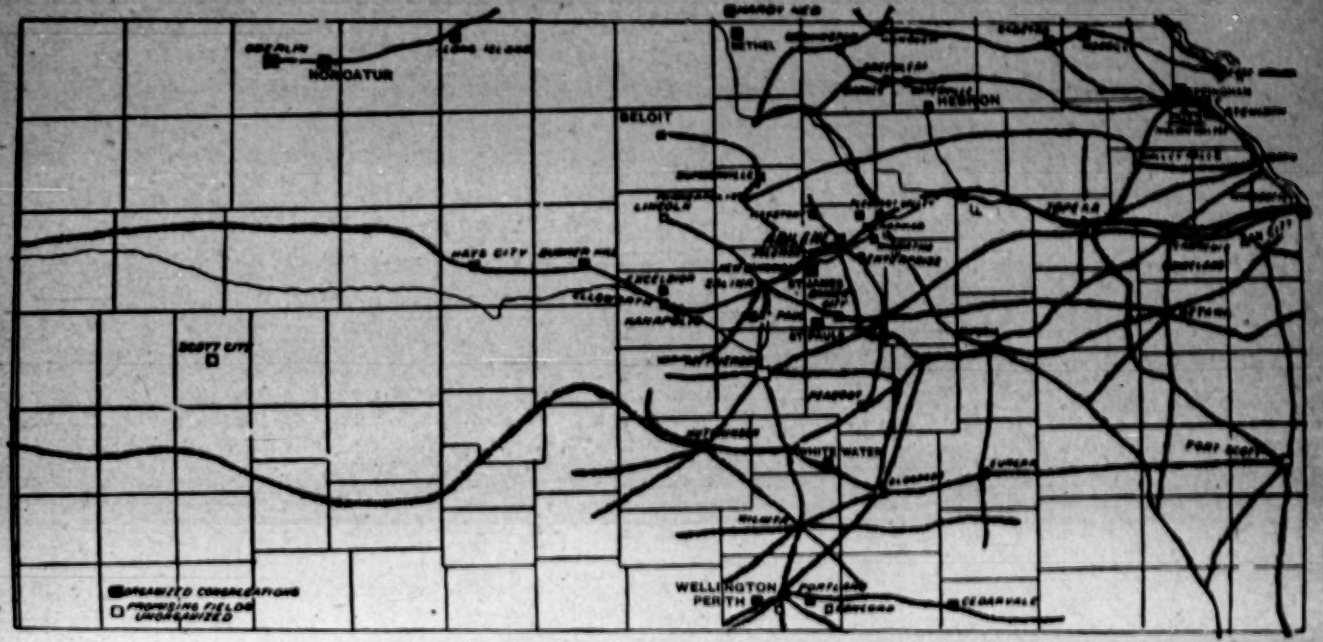

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CORPORATE NAME.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

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SYNODICAL SERMON.

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REV. H. C. HAITHCOX, D. D.	REV. B. F. PUGH.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Time—Third Wednesday in October, 1898.
Place—Zion's Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Kansas.

PLACES OF MEETING SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF KANSAS SYNOD.

No.	*Time.*	*Place.*
1.	November 5–7, 1868	Topeka, Kansas.
2.	April 2–5, 1869	Atchison. Kansas.
	October 6–10, 1869	Kansas City, Mo.
3.	October 5–10, 1870	Lawrence, Kansas.
4.	September 27–October 1, 1871	Grasshopper Falls, Kansas.
5.	September 11–14, 1872	Monrovia, Kansas.
6.	October 1–6, 1873	Kansas City, Mo.
7.	October 21–25, 1874	Abilene, Kansas.
8.	September 22–27, 1875	Lawrence, Kansas.
9.	August 1–6, 1876	Kansas City, Mo.
10.	August 22–25, 1877	Salina, Kansas.
11.	August 7–10, 1878	Peabody, Kansas.
12.	Septeuber 24–28, 1879	Abilene, Kansas.
13.	October 13–18, 1880	Lawrence, Kansas.
14.	October 5–9, 1881	Bunker Hill, Kansas.
15.	October 25–30, 1882	Salina, Kansas.
16.	October 24–29, 1883	Eureka, Kansas.
17.	November 25–December 1, 1884	Topeka, Kausas.
18.	October 20–26, 1885	Peabody, Kansas.
19.	October 12–18, 1886	Waterville, Kansas.
20.	October 25–31, 1887	Abilene, Kansas.
21.	October 23–28, 1888	Lawrence, Kansas.
22.	October 1–6, 1889	Atchison, Kansas.
23.	October 21–27, 1890	Salina, Kansas.
24.	October 20–25, 1891	Emporia, Kansas.
25.	October 18–23, 1892	Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial.
26.	October 17–22, 1893	Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran church.
27.	October 16–21, 1894	Topeka, Kansas, First Lutheran church.
28.	October 15–20, 1895	Abilene, Kan., Trinity Lutheran church.
29.	October 20–25, 1896	Lawrence, Kan., English Luth. church.
30.	October 20–24, 1897	Peabody, Kan., St. Paul's Luth. church.

PROCEEDINGS

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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OF

KANSAS.

The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Synod of Kansas convened in St. Paul's Lutheran church of Peabody, Kansas, Rev. R. H. Williams, pastor, Wednesday evening, October 20, 1897.

The synodical sermon was preached by the President, Rev. A. E. Wagner. Text: Ps. xl. 8.

The synodical communion was celebrated, Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., celebrant.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1897, 8:3 A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J F. Spanseller.

At 9 o'clock Synod was called to order by the President and opened in regular form with devotional services.

The clerical roll was called and lay delegates were received.

The following is the roll of this Convertion of Synod.

Synodical Roll.

	Ministers.	Entered Ministry.	Residence.	Lay Delegates.
1	Rev. P. S. Nellis, *a. e.*	1846	Hutchinson, Kans.	No charge.
2	" Jacob Schauer, *a. e.*	1848	Atchison, Kans.	No charge.
3	" L. C. Groseclose, *a. e.*	1849	Eureka, Kans.	No charge.
4	" S. Henry	1850	Independence, Kans.	No charge.
5	" J. B. McAfee, *a. e.*	1854	Topeka, Kans.	No charge.
6	" G. A. Bowers, D. D., *a. e.*	1854	St. Louis, Mo.	No charge.
7	" B. F. Hills	1854	Elmo, Kan.	No charge.
8	" A. B. Kirtland	1857	Salina, Kans.	No charge.
9	" Henry Heigerd	1858	Effingham, Kans.	No charge.
10	" H. Acker	1858	Whitewater, Kans.	No charge.
11	" J. M. Long	1858	New Cambria, Kans.	No delegate.
12	" A. M. Geiger, D. D.	1859	Kansas City, Mo.	No charge.
13	" D. Scholl, *a. e.*	1859	Wellsville, Kans.	No charge.
14	" R. B. Whitehill, *a. e.*	1862	Kansas City, Mo.	No charge.
15	" W. M. Sparr, *a. e.*	1864	Belgrade, Montana	No charge.
16	" A. J. Hesson, *a.*	1867	Hutchinson, Kans.	No charge.
17	" A. J. Hartsock, *a. e.*	1867	McPherson, Kans.	No charge.
18	" J. H. Stough, Ph. D.	1872	Atchison, Kans.	Prof. Midland College.
19	" H. C. Haithcox, D. D.	1872	Abilene, Kans.	J. E. Brewer.
20	" J. A. Bright, *a. e.*	1873	Topeka, Kans.	No charge.
21	" J. F. Sponseller	1874	Minneapolis, Kans.	No delegate.
22	" S. Palmer, *a. e.*	1875	Abilene, Kans.	No charge.
23	" J. W. Kimmel	1875	Leavenworth, Kan.	No delegate.
24	" E. F. A. Hantel	1875	Glasco, Kan.	No delegate.
25	" J. A. Lowe, *a. e.*	1876	Jerico, Mo.	No charge.
26	" J. M. Cromer	1876	Kansas City, Mo.	L. J. Van Scoyoc, M. D.
27	" B. F. Pugh	1877	Wellington, Kan.	Geo. N. Erdhart.
28	" W. F. Rentz	1879	Port Arthur, Texas	No charge.
29	" H. M. Oberholtzer	1881	Salina, Kans.	William Berg.
30	" F. D. Altman, D. D.	1882	Atchison, Kans.	Pres. West. Theo. Sem.
31	" H. L. Yarger	1885	Atchison, Kans.	Field Sec'y Bd. Ch. Ex.
32	" George Sanderson, *a.*	1886	Merriam, Kans.	No charge.
33	" Jonas Freet, *a. e.*	1888	Norcatur, Kans.	No delegate.
34	" H. A. Koogle	1888	Chapman, Kans.	Wm. Elliot.
35	" J. B. Umberger, *a. e.*	1889	Ottawa, Kans.	No delegate
36	" S. C. Chatham, *a.*	1889	Leavenworth, Kans.	No charge.
37	" J. F. Seibert	1891	Sedalia, Mo.	No delegate.
38	" J. N. Lentz, *a. e.*	1892	Greenleaf, Kans.	No delegate.
39	" I. B Heisey	1892	Waterville, Kans.	J. P. Burtis.
40	" R. B. Wolf	1893	Eureka, Kans.	S. A. Peterson.
41	" H. Zimmerman	1894	Hays City, Kans.	No delegate.
42	" E. F. Trefz, *a. e.*	1894	St. Joseph, Mo.	No delegate.
43	" A. E. Wagner	1894	Topeka, Kans.	Henry W. McAfee.
44	" Paul G. Tonsing	1894	Beloit, Kans.	Matthias Ringer.
45	" S. Martin Lesher	1894	Valley Falls, Kans.	No delegate.
46	" J. W. Buzzard, *a. e.*	1894	Sabetha, Kans.	No charge.
47	" P. J. Spraker, *a. e.*	.....	Kenard, Neb.	No charge.
48	" R. H. Williams	1895	Peabody, Kans.	J. E. Tressler, M. D.
49	" Julius W. Paetznick	1895	Hanover, Kans.	No delegate.
50	" B. F. Kistler	1896	Bunker Hill, Kans.	Wm. Hoopman.
51	" A. M. Reitzel, *o.*	1896	Hutchison, Kans.	J. B. Wherfel.
52	" Maurice Berg, *o.*	1896	Whitewater, Kans.	A. G. Langlin.
53	" J. J. Chambers, *o.*	1896	Jerico, Mo.	No delegate.
54	" G. C. Cromer, *o.*	1896	Emporia, Kans.	No delegate.
55	" E. P. Schuster, *o.*	1896	Kansas City, Mo.	D. H. Kresky.
56	" D. H. Cromer, *l.*	1897	Atchison, Kans.	
57	" E. E. Stauffer, *l.*	1897	Atchison, Kans.	
58	" J. A. McCulloch, *l.*	1897	Atchison, Kans.	
		.....	East Norway, Kans.	O. P. Steanson.
		.....	Atchison, Kans.	J. H. Berlin, *a. e.*
	Vacant	.....	Ellsworth, Kans.	
		.....	Lawrence, Kans.	J. R. Shirar.
		.....	Vinland, Kans.	
		.....	Morrill, Kans.	
	Rev. H. A. Koogle, supply	.....	Chapman, Kans.	W. A. Betz.

a. e. Absent and excused. *a.* Absent without excuse. *o.* Ordained. *l.* Licensed.

Advisory Members.

Rev. Chas. S. Albert, D. D., President Board of Home Missions.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary Board of Home Missions.

Corresponding Members.

Rev. D. D. Arkin, pastor of the Methodist church, Peabody, Kans.

Mr. John Gamber, member of Lutheran church, Excelsior, Kan.

President's Report.

The President read his annual report as follows;

Fathers and Brethren: By the mercy of a loving Father we are here assembled to close the record of one synodical year and begin the work of another. In accordance with the usual custom, I present herewith a brief statement of the transactions that have required my official attention. But before doing so, I desire to formally and gratefully acknowledge the loving kindness and mercy of our heavenly Father in sparing the lives of the members of this Synod. Since we last met in Synodical convention death has not invaded our ranks. Our lives and health have been tenderly guarded by our God. May we show our gratitude by serving Him better.

DISMISSALS.

Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D. D., having asked for such letter of dismission as was warranted by the resolution passed by Synod concerning him at its 29th annual convention at Lawrence, Kansas, I did on the 1st day of December, 1896, grant to him such letter of dismission.

On the request of Rev. J. G. Griffith, a letter of dismission to the Susquehanna Synod was granted him April 28, 1897.

ACCESSIONS.

Rev. J. W. Buzzard, from the Synod of Nebraska, July 31, 1897.

Rev. E. F. A. Hantel, from the Synod of East Pennsylvania, October 11, 1897.

Rev. George C. Cromer, licentiate from the Synod of West Pennsylvania, September 22, 1897.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following brethren gave timely notice of their resignations and the dates when they took effect:

Rev. J. G. Griffith, Lawrence, April 1, 1897.

Rev. H. Acker, Whitewater, April 26, 1897.

Rev. Julius W. Paetznick, Glasco, August 1, 1897.

Rev. George A. Bowers, D. D., brought to a close his very successful labors as supply at Emporia, July 1, 1897.

CALLS ACCEPTED.

The following brethren have made settlements as herein indicated. I give date of their entrance upon the work:

Rev. Edward P. Schueler, Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., June 1, 1897.

Rev. A. M. Reitzel, Hutchinson, July 1, 1897.

Rev. Julius W. Paetznick, Hanover, August 1, 1897.

Rev. George C. Cromer, Emporia, October 1, 1897.

Rev. Maurice Berg, Whitewater, June 27, 1897.

Rev. J. J. Chambers, Jerico, Mo., June 20, 1897.

Rev. W. E. Brehm, Lawrence, December 1, 1897.

Rev. E. F. A. Hantel, Glasco, August 15, 1897.

AD INTERIM LICENSURE.

Following what I understand to be the custom of this Synod, upon proper showing and for seemingly good and sufficient reasons, I granted *ad interim* license to the following brethren:

Rev. Edward P. Schueler, from December 30, 1896, to present meeting of Synod.

Rev. B. R. Lantz, from July 19th to present meeting of Synod.

SUPPLIES.

The Sabetha congregation was supplied from October, 1896, to June, 1897, and Vinland the entire year, by professors and students of the Western Theological Seminary.

Lawrence was supplied from June to September by Rev. B. R. Lantz.

VACANCIES.

You will be pleased to learn that the number of vacancies is smaller than usual. The following is the list: Ellsworth, Manchester, Morrill, Portland, Vinland, Wichita, and a part of the New Cambria charge.

DEDICATIONS.

On November 29, 1896, the Chapel of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sedalia, Mo., was dedicated. Rev. M. Rhodes, D. D., preached the dedicatory sermon, and Revs. J. M. Cromer and H. L. Yarger assisted in the services. This Chapel, exclusive of the ground on which it stands, cost about $3,000.00.

INSTALLATIONS.

On December 20, 1896, Rev. E. F. Trefz was installed pastor of the First English Lutheran Church, of St. Joseph, Mo., Rev. Jacob A. Clutz, D. D., and Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., officiating.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Increased interest in some of our congregations is evidenced by the following material improvements:

St. Paul's Church, Peabody, has recently painted her exterior and graced er interior with a fine $1,500.00 pipe organ.

The Waterville Charge has secured a parsonage which will be ready for occupancy December 1, 1897.

The Excelsior congregation expect to lay the corner-stone of their new building October 26, 1897.

The Norcatur Charge has purchased a lot for a parsonage.

Trinity Church, of Abilene, has recently purchased a comfortable parsonage.

MIDLAND COLLEGE AND WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

These two institutions are so closely united in sympathy and ultimate purpose, that it seems fitting to put them under one heading. We are all delighted to know that Midland College opened in September with the largest enrollment of any year in her history. You will also learn with pleasure that the Western Theological Seminary has enrolled this year, in addition to our own Lutheran students, theological students from other denominations. These institutions are doing excellent work. Kansas Synod is feeling their very marked and positive influence. They are on our territory. They ought to be in our hearts. They deserve our support, our prayers, our sons and our daughters. Let no Lutheran turn his back upon an institution of his own church. No church takes greater pride in her institutions of higher learning than the Lutheran; none can so ill afford to be without them.

STATE OF RELIGION.

The reports on "State of Religion" show some gratifying evidences of increased interest and devotion to the Church and growth in the spiritual life. Most of the reports show encouraging advancement. But I feel that I should do less than my duty if I did not call your attention to several features of these reports. To the question, "Has there been any special religious awakening in your pastorate during the year?", twenty-four out of twenty-eight reports received, answer in the negative; and of the four answering in the affirmative some of them are carefully modified affirmatives. I make no comment upon this fact presented by your reports. If the question has a right to be among the interrogatories, its prevailing answer may be worthy of your consideration. To the question, "Are Christian parents conscientious and faithful in presenting their children for baptism?", twenty-three pastors answered, "Yes." The other five gave modified negatives; only one answered, "No." One answered, "I think not." But following this most satisfactory answer came two other questions, to wit: "Are family worship and religious instruction observed in the households of your congregation?" "What proportion of the members of your Church attend Sunday-school?" To the first of these questions the answers are so modified that I will not attempt to tabulate them, while the answers to the second are far from gratifying. Again I leave you to draw your own conclusion as to the significance of a neglected Bible school and many homes without an altar.

RECOMMENDATION.

We respectfully call your attention to the following recommendation:

That a committee of five be appointed to consider the work and condition of the Luther League of Kansas and Kansas Synod, and the relation of said League to this Synod, and report with recommendations during this session.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, let it be said that there has been much in the progress of our work in the past year, and in recent years, to call forth profound gratitude to our God. Let us face the future with a larger hope, a stronger faith, and a continual and prevailing prayer for the spiritual life and power of our beloved Zion.

I now return to you the important trust which you so kindly placed in my hands one year ago. I do so painfully conscious of the inefficiency with which I have discharged my duties, and with the grateful appreciation of your patience, your uniform kindness and courteous coöperation. May the rich blessings of God rest upon this Synodical convention, upon you, upon the people you represent, and upon all the people of God.

Respectfully submitted, A. E. WAGNER.

Election of Officers.

The election resulted as follows:

President—A. E. Wagner, Topeka, Kans.
Secretary—J. F. Seibert, Sedalia, Mo.
Treasurer—J. E. Brewer, Abilene, Kans.

Election of Trustees.

The following were elected:

For two years: J. E. Brewer, A. L. Selig.
For one year: J. F. Seibert.

Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.

a. m., 9 to 11:30; p. m., 1:30 to 4:30; Evening service, 7:30; Devotional Services, 8:30 a. m. to 9 a. m.

Treasurer's Report.

(See Appendix A.)

The report was referred to an auditing committee.

Press Reporters.

Peabody Gazettee—H. M. Oberholtzer.
Lutheran Observer—A. M. Reitzel.
Lutheran World—R. B. Wolf.
Lutheran Evangelist—S. M. Lesher.

Adjourned with prayer by A. M. Geiger.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Synod convened with prayer by B. F. Pugh.

Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Codification of Laws.

Report adopted, and motion prevailed to print the report in proper order in connection with the Constitution, as a revised edition of the Constitution and By-laws, with the Minutes of the present Synodical Convention.

(See Constitution, page 38.)

Greetings were received from the Marion County S. S. Association.

The President of Synod was ordered to respond to same.

Appointment of Committees.

The President appointed the following Committees:

No. 1. *President's Report*—J. M. Cromer, H. A. Koogle. J. R. Shirar.

No. 2. *Treasurer's Report*—J. E. Prewer, J. E. Tressler, D. H. Kresky.

No. 3. *Leave of Absence and Excuses*—S. M. Lesher, J. M. Long, W. H. Betz.

No. 4. *Apportionment*—H. Zimmerman, A. M. Reitzel, J. P. Burtis.

No. 5. *Devotional Services*—R. H. Williams, J. F. Seibert, A. E. Wagner.

No. 6. *Synodical Calendar*—F. D. Altman, I. B. Heisey, Julius W. Paetznick.

No. 7. *Correspondence*—A. M. Geiger, Wm. Berg, Henry W. McAfee.

No. 8. *Literary and Theological Institutions*—H. M. Oberholtzer, J. J. Chambers, L. J. Van Scoyoc.

No. 9. *Admission and Dismission of Churches*—H. Acker, P. G. Tonsing. J. B. Wherfel.

No. 10. *Minutes of Conferences*—B. F. Pugh, B. F. Hills, S. H. Peterson.

No. 11. *Resolutions*—H. C. Haithcox, R. B. Wolf, O. L. Steanson.

No. 12. *Vacant Congregations*—J. F. Sponseller, Maurice Berg, B. F. Kistler.

No. 13. *Temperance*—J. B. McAfee, I. B. Heisey, H. Zimmerman.

No. 14. *Manuscript from Rev. P. S. Nellis*—J. H. Stough, J. M. Cromer, H. M. Oberholtzer.

No. 15. *Benevolence Envelopes*—R. H. Williams, H. Acker, J. E. Tressler.

No. 16. *Minutes of Last Meeting*—R. B. Wolf, S. Henry, Geo. C. Cromer.

No. 17. *Parochial Reports*—E. P. Schueler, E. F. A. Hantel, Wm. Hoffman.

No. 18. *Literature*—A. M. Reitzel, Julius W. Paetznick, J. E. Tressler.

No. 19. *Luther League*—H. C. Haithcox, J. M. Cromer, J. F. Sponseller, S. M. Lesher, E. P. Schueler.

Report of Committee on Benevolence Envelopes.

Your Committee have had the usual benevolence envelopes printed, twelve thousand in number, and have mailed to each of the congregations the number they have desired. The cost for the same is as follows:

12,000 envelopes and printing	$10 00
Postage	2 35
Total	$12 35

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. WILLIAMS,
J. E. TRESSLER,
H. ACKER.

The following amendment to the Constitution, to be known as Article IX, Sec. 12, was submitted:

"The President shall have power to grant *ad interim* license upon the recommendation of three members of the Examining Committee of Synod."

The Secretary was instructed to have bound in one volume the Minutes of Synod from 1887 to 1897.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee take pleasure in saying that after carefully going over the report of the Treasurer, comparing the same with his books and vouchers, they have found all to correspond accurately. He has kept the books with ex-

traordinary care, and made his report clear and easily understood. We tender him our thanks, and suggest that this Synod do the same.

Respectfully submitted, J. E. BREWER,
J. E. TRESSLER,
D. H. KRESKY.

Adopted.

The motion prevailed to refer the manuscript submitted by P. S. Nellis to a proper committee.

Adjourned with prayer by H. A. Koogle.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

The anniversary services of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society were held, and addresses were delivered by Mrs. Alice G. Bond, Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer, J. M. Cromer and H. C. Haithcox.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 : 00 A. M.

Synod convened with prayer by S. Henry, after a half hour's devotional service led by J. B. Burtis.

Minutes were read and approved.

The seven front rows of pews were made the bar of Synod.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports.

(See Appendix B.)

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Admission and Dismission of Churches.

The document placed in our hands is an application from the St. James Evangelical Lutheran congregation of Milford, Barton county, Mo., for admission into Synod. We have examined the constitution of this congregation and while it is not the constitution recommended by the General Synod, ye

as there is nothing in conflict therewith, your Committee recommend the admission of said congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

H. ACKER,
P. G. TONSING,
J. B. WHERFEL.

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Your delegates to General Synod, held at Mansfield, Ohio, in June of this year, are pleased to report that the clerical delegation had a full representation, and that the lay delegation only lacked one of being complete.

With the proceedings of the General Synod you have had ample opportunity to inform yourselves, by means of the published Minutes thereof. But in compliance with custom, we call attention to only a few of the many interesting features of the Convention.

1. The consensus of opinion was to the effect that the meeting at Mansfield was one of the most pleasant, harmonious, and hopeful, held for some years. The Convention addressed itself most earnestly to the great work of the Church, and avoided needless and disturbing discussions.

2. Notwithstanding the financial stringency during the last biennium, the various Boards, almost without exception, showed increased contributions. Never have there been such demands upon and opportunities for the work of our Boards as now. They are in need of and entitled to our most cordial and liberal support.

3. To this Synod the following amounts per year have been apportioned; Foreign Missions, $539.00; Home Missions, $705.00; Church Extension, $539.00; Board of Education, $290.00; Pastors' Fund, $290.00; General Synod Treasury, $58.00; Deaconess Board, $102.00; Home for the Aged, $145.00.

4. You will rejoice with your delegates in the fact that the Western Theological Seminary has been located by the General Synod at Atchison, in connection with Midland College, thus giving us upon the territory of our Synod two institutions of learning. In this connection, it may be said, that your delegates heard with pardonable pride, the good showing of these two youngest educational institutions of the Church, made before the General Synod.

5. You will be further pleased to know that preliminary steps have been taken in the direction of locating an Orphans' Home in the West, A committee was appointed to consider the matter and entertain propositions for founding and endowing such an institution.

6. One of the many pleasant features of the Synod was the reception of a fraternal delegate from the General Council, this being the first delegate sent by the Council to the Synod. The greeting from the delegate was earnest and cordial, as was the reponse of the President. Fondly do we hope that the day of better understanding and closer sympathy among all Lutherans is not far distant. We do not long for organic union, but for unity of spirit. Without this we are separated, no difference what might be our nominal connection; with it we are united, no difference what may be our nominal separation.

7. The entertainment of the Synod by the good people of Mansfield was exceptionally cordial and pleasant, and your delegation returned with pleasant memories of the 38th Convention of the General Synod, and with a sense of gratitude to the Synod which they had the honor to represent.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. WAGNER,
H. C. HAITHCOX,
J. M. CROMER,
F. D. ALTMAN,
H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

Report of Trustees of Tressler Orphans' Home.

Among the sixty some orphans' homes, asylums, hospitals and like institutions bearing the Lutheran name in America, the one at Loysville, Pa., belongs exclusively to the General Synod of our Church, and your Trustees thereof are glad to report increasing interest in and support of that beneficent institution. The needs of the 150 children in that Home have been well supplied. The chief improvement the past year has been the erection of a new and substantial laundry building, and the introduction of the most approved machinery. Other additions and facilities for the benefit of the Home are being gradually introduced. A separate hospital, a chapel building and an industrial department are among the things thus being added.

The late President of the Board of Trustees, in his report to the General Synod at Mansfield, suggested also the establishment of a Western Orphans' Home, and at once offers were made, bidding for its location. A committee was appointed to receive and consider such propositions. What may result therefrom, the future will reveal. We earnestly commend the cause to this Synod. There is no grander and more blessed work of charity than this.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. HILLS,
J. E. TRESSLER,
Trustees.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

Your Committee would most respectfully report:

1. That we have no written minutes before us for our examination.

2. The Northeast Conference had one meeting in December, 1896, and make complaint that members of Conference did not attend except those on the program.

3. The Northwest Conference held one meeting in the spring of 1897.

4. The Southwest Conference held no meeting during the year.

No business of these Conferences demands the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted.

B. F. PUGH,
B. F. HILLS,
S. A. PETERSON.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your Committee on Vacancies has found six vacancies, viz.: Vinland, Morrill, Ellsworth, Manchester, Portland and Wichita.

Vinland is now arranging for a supply.

We recommend that Morrill be supplied from the Western Theological Seminary.

We further recommend that Ellsworth, Manchester, Portland and Wichita be referred to the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SPONSELLER,
MAURICE BERG,
B. F. KISTLER.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by J. M. Long.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 1 : 30 P. M.

Prayer was offered by J. H. Stough.

Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

We report:

We have a letter from Henry Heigerd, requesting a letter by which he may be enabled to unite with the Lutheran church at Los Angeles.

Resolved, That, after an explanatory correspondence by the President with Brother Heigerd, if it be found necesiary, he be directed to give the brother a letter to the Synod of California.

We have a letter from H. C. Haithcox, Secretary of the Board of Education, which is herewith submitted:

ABILENE, KANSAS, OCTOBER 12, 1897.

To the Synod of Kansas, Greeting:

Dear Brethren: Inasmuch as the Western Theological Seminary is to have help out of the apportionment for the Board of Education, and as the General Synod has made it the duty of the Board to pay certain expenses of the Board of Trustees of the German Seminary in Chicago, Ills., all of which is in addition to former expenses, a large increase over that of former years is a necessity, if the work of our colleges which are helped by the Board is not to be seriously crippled. Therefore, we appeal to you for the full apportionment of an average of ten cents per member. Give us this, and, under God, our work can be made such a success as will bring joy to the whole Church of the General Synod.

Praying that the Spirit of God may lead every one of you onward and upward, I am,

Very fraternally yours, H. C. HAITHCOX, *Gen. Sec.*

P. S.—Thirteen of your churches gave us nothing last year. You raised less than 70 per cent. of the apportionment. These institutions are on our territory; have we done our duty? H. C. H.

Respectfully submitted, A. M. GEIGER,
WILLIAM BERG.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education report, that during the year aid has been extended in accordance with the direction of Synod, to Brothers A. M. Reitzel, Maurice Berg, and E. E. Stauffer.

A. M. Reitzel has completed his course in the Seminary, and is now pastor of the Hutchinson Charge. Maurice Berg has completed his course in the Seminary, and is now pastor of the Whitewater congregation. E. E. Stauffer is now a member of the Senior Class in the Western Theological Seminary. He spent his summer vacation in supplying a congregation near Pawnee City, Neb. The reports from the teachers of these brethren are favorable and satisfactory.

Your Committee make the following recommendations:

1. That aid be given E. E. Stauffer for this Seminary year, in the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00).

2. That aid be given D. H. Cramer for this Seminary year in the sum of fifty dollars ($50.00).

3. Concerning an application of Luther Bright for aid, the Committee finds, that owing to the provision of standing rules governing the actions of the Committee, they are unable to take definite action at this time, but recommend such aid as the case merits after the rules are duly complied with.

4. That the sum of twelve cents per member be apportioned for the cause of beneficiary education.

Respectfully submitted, A. E. WAGNER,
S. M. LESHER,
T. E. DEWEY.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Manuscript of P. S. Nellis

Your Committee report that there has been placed in our hands, by special action of Synod, a manuscript of nearly 200 pages, from the pen of our venerable and respected brother, Rev. P. S. Nellis, entitled, "One Hundred and Forty-Two Corrections of Either Obscure or Absolutely Incorrect Translations

in Our English Scriptures." Your Committee have not had time to read the entire manuscript, but such parts as we have read for the most part are clear statements of the true exegesis of the passages, and some of it has already appeared in the papers of the church; and they are hardly new, most of them being found either in the Revised Version or the notes of the American Committee. We wish to bear testimony to the care and sound scholarship of our brother, and his zeal for the Word, which is remarkable in view of the advanced age of the author.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOWARD STOUGH,
J. M. CROMER,
H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee No. 1.—On President's Report.

Your Committee to which was referred the President's report, beg leave to say:

1. That they find that the official acts of our President have been regular and faithfully performed, and recommend their confirmation.

2. We endorse the recommendation to have a committee of five appointed to inquire into the work of and the relation of the Luther League of Kansas to the Synod.

3. That we appreciate the difficulty suggested in the President's report in getting at a definite understanding of the state of religion in our several congregations from the answers given to the tabulated questions submitted to the pastors on this question.

We suggest that there is difficulty in the mere attempt to reduce to mathematical accuracy the work of the Lord in our midst, and that we are pleased with the work and condition of our churches as a whole, as brought out from these reports.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CROMER,
H. A. KOOGLE,
JAS. R. SHIRAK.

Report of the Committee on Synodical Calendar.

(See Synodical Calendar, page 2.)

I. B. Heisey was elected a member of the Advisory Board of Home Missions.

For the purpose of meeting legal requirements, the office of Trustee held by W. F. Rentz was declared vacant, and J. F. Seibert elected to fill the same.

Synod adjourned with prayer by B. F. Hills.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

Addresses highly edifying were delivered on Home Missions by R. B. Wolf, and on Foreign Missions by H. Zimmerman.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 : 00 A. M.

After a half hour's devotional service conducted by P. G. Tonsing, Synod was called to order, and prayer offered by H. C. Haithcox.

Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your Committee report the following as the list of pastorates, in connection with our Synod, aided by the Board of Home Missions:

Atchison, Barnes and Greenleaf, Beloit, Bunker Hill, Chapman, Eureka, Effingham and Valley Falls, Hays City, Hutchinson, Minneapolis, Ottawa and Garnett, Sedalia, Mo., St. Joseph, Mo., Topeka, Wellington and Perth.

The Committee has been able to gather information concerning all these missions with three exceptions, viz., Barnes and Greenleaf, Ottawa and Garnett, and St. Joseph, Mo. We are gratified to learn that with a few exceptions they have been willing to have their appropriation by the Board diminished by from twenty-five to fifty dollars a year. Only one has made application for an increase in its appropriation, and this has been necessitated from the peculiar situation of things. The missionaries all seem to be encouraged. A majority report the prospect as very bright and hopeful.

We regret not having had reports from all the missions, and hereby remind the brethren that if a report is expected from the Committee, the necessary facts must be furnished by the missions.

We offer the following:

1. With reference to Portland and Wichita, from which no reports have been received for years, we recommend that they no longer be continued on the apportionment table.

2. Deeply grateful for the very liberal aid received from the Board, we hereby express our appreciation of the same, and humbly ask, if possible, the aid asked by our missions be continued.

3. We recommend to the Board the Jerico pastorate for aid to such an amount as shall be raised by the voluntary contributions of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, H. ACKER,
H. C. HAITHCOX,
I. B. HEISEY.

Adopted.

In accord with recommendation 3 of the above report, subscriptions were received by Synod as follows:

C. S. Albert	$5 00	J. B. Burtis	5 00
S. B. Barnitz	5 00	A. E. Wagner	5 00
Peabody Church and pastor, R. H. Williams	25 00	H. A. Koogle	5 00
J. M. Cromer	5 00	Maurice Berg	5 00
J. F. Seibert	5 00	T. B. Hanstein	5 00
J. H. Stough	5 00	I. B. Heisey	5 00
H. C. Haithcox	5 00	J. F. Sponseller	3 00
A. M. Geiger	5 00	H. Zimmerman	2 50
F. D. Altman	5 00	B. F. Kistler	2 50
J. R. Shirar	5 00	H. Acker	2 00
B. F. Hills	5 00	Wm. Elliot	1 00
Julius Paetznick	5 00	B. F. Pugh	1 00
E. P. Schueler	5 00	Total	$127 00

During the consideration of the report of the Advisory Board, addresses on the subject of Home Missions were delivered by the President of the Board, C. S. Albert, and the Western Secretary, S. B. Barnitz.

Lutheran Publication Society.

To the delight and profit of Synod, the interest of this Society was ably presented by the Literary Editor, Chas. S. Albert.

Adjourned with prayer by J. M. Cromer.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1 : 30 P. M.

Prayer was offered by H A. Koogle.

Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Excuses and Absentees.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses report that communications have been received from the following brethren, giving reasons for ab-

sence during the entire meeting, viz.: Revs. Edw. F. Trefz, P. J. Spraker, J. A. Lowe, Geo. A. Bowers, J. W. Buzzard, L. C. Groseclose, Jonas Freet, W. M. Sparr, R. B. Whitehill, D. Scholl, P. S. Nellis, J. A. Bright, W. F. Rentz, Jacob Schauer, J. B. McAfee, Samuel Palmer, J. B. Umberger, J. N. Lentz, A. J. Hartsock and Mr. J. H. Berlin. Also excuses for absence from part of the meeting: Rev. J. W. Kimmel and Messrs. J. E. Brewer, A. L. Selig, D. H. Kresky, Dr. L. G. Van Scoyoc, W. C. Hoopman.

We recommend that these brethren be excused.

In conformance with instructions given to your Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses, they find that A. J. Hesson, Geo. Sanderson, S. C. Chatham, are absent from Synod and have sent no excuse for such absence. We recommend that due notice be given these brethren of their dereliction, and if they fail to duly respond, that the rules of Synod be applied by the President of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER,
J. M. LONG.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

WHEREAS, The Synod of Kansas has for many years expressed positive opposition to the liquor traffic, and such opposition on the part of Christian bodies is no less necessary to-day; be it therefore

1. *Resolved*, That we look upon total abstinence not only as a habit of life whereby man protects himself, but also as one by means of which he may aid in protecting others; and in the trying conditions of the present day we believe it to be a patriotic as well as a Christian duty. For the same reason we advocate the use of unfermented wine at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and call upon our Christian brothers everywhere to use their power as citizens to keep the legalized saloon out of Kansas, and make it an outlaw in the nation.

2. *Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League of America, and regret that it is not possible for us to send delegates to their Convention, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, in January, 1898.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. HEISEY,
H. ZIMMERMAN.

Time and Place of Next Meeting.

Hutchinson, Kansas, was selected as the place, and the third Wednesday evening in October as the time of next meeting of Synod.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your Committee has apportioned the following amounts per member:

For General Synod Treasury	$0 02
" Synodical Treasury	10
" Home Missions	25

For Foreign Missions	$0 19
" Church Extension	19
" Board of Education	10
" Beneficiary Education	12
" Pastors' Fund	10
" Orphans' Home	05
" Deaconess Board	035
" Home for the Aged	05
	$1 205

Respectfully submitted,

H. ZIMMERMAN,
A. M. REITZEL,
J. P. BURTIS.

Adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Report of Committee on the Relation of the Luther League of Kansas to the Synod of Kansas.

Your Committee ask that they be given until the next annual meeting of Synod to present their report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. HAITHCOX,
J. M. CROMER,
S. M. LESHER.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That ministers from other denominations applying for admission into our ministry, be required to take the same examination as to qualifications, and the same obligations as to doctrine and practice, required of applicants from our own schools.

2. *Resolved*, That we are devoutly grateful to Almighty God for what our Western Colleges and Western Theological Seminary are doing for our Church in these Western States.

3. *Resolved*, That we have heard Rev. Dr. Albert, President of the Board of Home Missions and General Editor of the publications of our Board of Publication, with much pleasure and profit, and are very grateful to God for the excellent and efficient work he is giving our Church.

4. *Resolved*, That our Publication House have our hearty and liberal support, and that our Sunday-schools and Young People's Societies be supplied, as far as practicable, with our Lutheran literature.

5. *Resolved*, That our thanks be given to Rev. R. H. Williams and his people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, of Peabody, and to the citizens who have made our sojourn among them so delightful; to the musicians, who have given us so helpful service; and that the President of our Synod voice our thanks at the close of our Sunday evening service.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. HAITHCOX,
R. B. WOLF.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature beg leave to present the following report:

We have received copies of our various church papers, including our German paper, the *Kirchenfreund*. Also copies of the *Augsburg Teacher* and other lesson helps from our Publication House, which have been distributed to the brethren of Synod.

The Synod has heard with pleasure and profit the address of Dr. Albert, literary editor of the Lutheran Publication Society, relative to the work and needs of said Society, and we heartily endorse his recommendation that the several Sunday-schools of our church throughout the bounds of Synod be encouraged to secure and use the helps prepared by our Publication House.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. REITZEL,
J. W. PAETZNICK,
J. E. TRESSLER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions.

The literary and theological institutions within the bounds of this Synod are Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary. These two institutions, we are pleased to report, are making most gratifying progress in development and work, and promise a still more prosperous future.

Midland College is rising rapidly to higher attainments in scholarship and greater popularity. A comparison of its courses of study with those offered by other schools will show that it is in no way inferior to other institutions in the west, not even excepting the State University, and it is evident that to-day a student can secure at Midland as good and thorough training as at any other school of undergraduates. The expenses, it will also be found, are as low as in any other college doing the same grade of work. The college is worthy the patronage of the general public, and especially of all our Lutheran people, and should have the hearty co-operation of all our pastors and laity in securing this result. The giving of such patronage will not involve any sacrifice of the best interests of children on the part of parents, but on the contrary will promote their interests as well as that of the college.

It is a matter of great encouragement to know that the College has opened this fall with an increased attendance. The good done for our general work, and the strengthening of our churches in the West in the past, cannot be too strongly emphasized, the most convincing evidence of which is that the Kansas Synod has already on its roll the names of ten pastors who have been trained wholly or in part at Midland. Fifteen young men are at present in college and seminary in preparation for the ministry. This is an excellent showing, and calls for increased patronage in the future, that the College may grow in strength and efficiency.

The Western Theological Seminary, now located at Atchison, last year graduated three young men, who are all now working on the territory of this

Synod, making nine, the total number of graduates. Three of the Seminary students will be licensed to preach the gospel at this session of Synod. At present eight students are enrolled. This institution, as well as that of Midland College, is in need of increased endowment, that it may advance its important work.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we record our gratification in hearing of the progress in the work done at Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary, and pledge our united and continued effort to build up these institutions and make them strong and efficient agencies for the development of our Church on this territory.

2. *Resolved*, That upon the last Sunday in January, the Day of Prayer for Colleges, every congregation within the bounds of this Synod make an offering for the Library Fund of Midland College.

3. *Resolved*, As a source of information we recommend our membership to subscribe for *The Midland*, the College monthly.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. OBERHOLTZER,
J. J. CHAMBERS,
J. M. VANSCOYOC.

Adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have 1,250 copies of the Minutes printed, also to publish with them an abstract of the Minutes of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

A motion prevailed that the fifteen dollars ($15.00) yet due the Lutheran church of Sedalia for the Synodical window be paid out of the Synodical treasury.

The following resolution was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That we heartily sympathize with brother Kistler and his Excelsior English Lutheran congregation in their effort to erect a house of worship, and will do what we can to help them in any unavoidable emergency that may arise.

Adjourned with prayer by C. S. Albert.

Board of Trustees.

Meeting held Saturday, October 23, 1897, at 3:30 p. m.

The Board was organized by the election of A. E. Wagner, Topeka, Kan., President: J. F. Seibert, Sedalia, Mo., Secretary; J. E. Brewer, Abilene, Kan., Treasurer.

There being no business of importance, the Board adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Splendid addresses were given on Church Extension by H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and on Home Missions by C. S. Albert, President of the Board of Home Missions.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:30 P. M.

Prayer was offered by J. H. Stough.

Minutes were read and approved.

The motion prevailed that Synod finally adjourn at the close of the ordination service Sunday evening.

Adjourned with prayer by H. L. Yarger.

JOHN F. SEIBERT, *Secretary.*

MINISTERIUM.

SATURDAY, 11:30 A. M.

Ministerium opened with prayer by E. F. A. Hantel.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your Committe has the following applicants for ordination:

George C. Cromer, graduate of Carthage College and Gettysburg Theological Seminary, and called as pastor of the Church at Emporia, Kansas.

Edward P. Schueler, graduate of Midland College and Wittenberg Theological Seminary, and pastor of Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo.

J. J. Chambers, graduate of Western Theological Seminary, and pastor at Jerico, Mo.

Maurice D. Berg, graduate of Western Theological Seminary, and pastor at Whitewater, Kansas.

A. M. Reitzel, graduate of Western Theologieal Seminary, and pastor at Hutchinson, Kansas.

Upon thorough consideration we recommend these brethren for ordination at this meeting of Synod.

The following applicants presented themselves for licensure:

D. H. Cramer, member of Senior Class in Western Theological Seminary.

E. E. Stauffer, graduate of Midland College, and member of Senior Class in Western Theological Seminary.

J. A. McCulloch, graduate of Carthage College, and member of Senior Class in Western Theological Seminary.

After a full and careful examination, your Committee would recommend these young men for licensure.

It is most pleasing to report, and cause for profound gratitude to Almighty God, to know that seven of these eight men, presenting themselves for the gospel ministry, are the fruit of the College and Seminary located in our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
J. M. CROMER,
H. ACKER,
H. C. HAITHCOX,
H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by H. M. Oberholtzer.

JOHN F. SEIBERT, *Secretary.*

ADDRESSES AND SERMONS.

Wednesday Evening—Synodical Sermon—Rev. A. E. Wagner.

Thursday Evening—Anniversary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Friday Evening—Addresses on Home and Foreign Missions, by Revs. R. B. Wolf and H. Zimmerman.

Saturday Evening—Addresses on Church Extension and Home Missions, by Rev. H. L. Yarger and Rev. C. S. Albert, D. D.

Sunday Morning—Organ Dedicatory Sermon—Rev. C. S. Albert, D. D.

Sunday, 3 p. m.—Song Service—Revs. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and J. M. Cromer.

Sunday Evening—Ordination Sermon—Rev. J. H. Stough, Ph.D.

PRESBYTERIAN.

Evening—Rev. J. M. Cromer.

METHODIST.

Morning—Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D.

Evening—Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

BAPTIST.

Morning—Rev. E. P. Schueler.

Evening—Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

EVANGELICAL.

Morning—Rev. John F. Seibert.

Evening—Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer.

APPENDIX A.—Report of the Treasurer

Congregations and Charges.	General Synod Treasury.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.
Abilene, Trinity	$6 10	$20 10	$32 26	$30 60	$25 57	$26 43	$34 16
Atchison, St. Mark's	2 45	16 90	23 12	5 06	10 87	16 20	27 55
Banner City, Mt. Zion	40	2 50	2 00	3 00	3 15	1 57	2 00
Banner City, St. James'	50	2 00	2 01	2 00	3 45	1 00	1 75
Barnes, Messiah	. .	. .	7 37	4 20	4 20	2 00	3 80
Barnes, Trinity	. .	. .	9 62	4 60	4 62	1 70	2 80
Beloit, Zion's	. .	. .	6 00	10 36	10 00	. .	. .
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion	50	3 40	8 87	5 00	6 90	3 40	5 80
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	. .	3 00	10 14	6 22	8 23	3 00	5 35
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	40	2 00	1 56	3 11	4 00	1 45	2 07
Chapman, Ebenezer	25	75	2 70	1 75	1 60	1 05	2 00
East Norway, Evangelical Lutheran	1 50	10 00	25 63	18 25	18 25	10 00	16 00
Emporia, St. Mark's	1 30	8 60	22 35	17 63	17 63	8 60	14 60
Eureka, Christ's	. .	2 00	9 40	6 30	10 00	4 00	5 00
Effingham, First Lutheran	85*	5 60	14 53	. .	11 50	5 60	9 80
Effingham, St. Paul's	2 55	5 20	13 50	1 40	10 65	5 20	8 85
Glasco, German-English	. .	. .	. .	. .	3 00	. .	. .
Hays City, Trinity	80	5 30	12 65	12 34	8 51	3 00	4 13
Hutchinson, Zion's	. .	2 00	4 24	4 16	6 57	2 00	3 80
Jerico, Mo., Bethel	30	1 00	2 80	6 62	50	1 30	1 00
Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran	11 90	25 10	16 68	17 82	. .	. .	12 07
Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial	1 60	10 60	18 76	16 00	10 00	6 62	15 00
Lawrence, English Lutheran	1 65	11 00	28 62	27 55	20 59	5 83	5 83
Leavenworth, English Lutheran	. .	. .	6 00	. .	. .	. .	. .
Minneapolis, St. Paul's	. .	5 80	15 10	5 00	6 07	2 96	4 22
Minneapolis, St. John's	. .	1 00	6 18	13	. .	. .	4 32
Minneapolis, Grace	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Morrill, St. Paul's	. .	. .	. .	. .	2 78	. .	5 17
New Cambria, New Cambria	. .	. .	85	73	. .	. .	. .
New Cambria, St. Paul's	. .	. .	1 54	88	. .	. .	. .
Norcatur, St. Mark's	50	3 20	8 30	. .	. .	. .	. .
Norcatur, St. Paul's	40	2 70	7 00	. .	. .	. .	. .
Ottawa, St. Paul's	. .	4 50	11 70	9 25	9 25	4 50	7 65
Ottawa, Garnett	. .	2 50	8 75	7 29	7 20	2 50	4 00
Peabody, St. Paul's	2 35	15 80	41 10	32 40	32 40	15 80	26 85
Salina, St. John's	2 25	15 00	8 72	5 32	9 00	6 19	8 32
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity	70	4 80	12 50	9 85	11 25	4 80	4 65
St. Joseph, Mo., First English	1 25	8 90	21 30	16 80	16 80	1 16	. . .
Topeka, English Lutheran	2 75	18 90	49 15	10 00	29 77	13 17	11 85
Vinland, St. John's	1 05	4 90	6 50	5 05	5 15	2 50	4 80
Waterville, Waterville	1 20	8 00	12 14	. . .	10 00	4 75	13 60
Waterville, Hebron	35	2 20	5 70	4 50	4 50	2 20	3 75
Wellington, St. John's	60	4 00	10 40	8 20	8 20	2 50	6 80
Wellington, St. James'	65	4 30	11 20	8 80	8 80	2 35	7 30
Whitewater, Zion's	81	5 40	14 07	11 10	12 68	5 40	9 21
Totals by the Congregations	$47 91	246 85	553 01	339 49	373 66	181 33	306 38
Individual Contributions.							
Acker, Rev. H.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Altman, Rev. F. D, D. D	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Berlin, Mr. J. H.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	‡30 00	. .
Clutz, Dr. J. A., for Friends East	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	150 00
Hutt, Miss Marie	. .	. .	. .	5 00	. .	. .	. .
Haithcox, Dr. H. C.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Henry, Rev. S.	. .	3 00	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Lichtenwalter, Miss Geneva	. .	. .	. .	10 00	. .	. .	. .
Lowe, Rev. J. A.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
McAfee, Rev. J. B.	. .	. .	2 50	. .	. .	. .	. .
Oberholtzer, Rev. H. M.	1 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	. .	. .	. .
Rentz, Rev. W. F.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Selig, A. L.	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Wolf, Rev. R. B.	50	2 50	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	10 00
Total Contributions	$49 41	257 35	562 51	361 49	378 66	236 33	466 38
Balance from Last Report	25 76	42 27	116 04	98 40	56 84	73 47	109 86
Grand Totals	$75 17	299 62	678 55	459 89	435 50	309 80	576 24
Disbursed	68 27	300 91	678 55	388 25	388 82	278 37	500 00
Balance on Hand	$6 90	$98 71	. . .	$71 64	$46 68	$31 43	$76 24

*For Melanchthon Memorial. † Not Apportioned. ‡ For Western Theo. President's Salary.

of Kansas Synod for the Year Ending October 18, 1897.

Pastors' Fund.		Orphans' Home.		Deaconess Board.		Home for Aged		Total Paid on Apportionment.		Amount Apportioned.		Excess over Apportionment.		Deficit under Apportionment.		H. & F. M. Debt Fund.		Midland College Library.		Sedalia Ch. and State S. S. Ass'n.		Grand Totals.	
$11	48	$2	10	$6	79	$4	00	$219	59	$230	09			$39	82			$3	82			$223	41
4	80	3	67	2	00			111	12	108	97			97	85			5	00			116	14
	90	3	91		25		25	19	53	31	35			11	82							19	53
1	00	5	12	1	49		25	30	57	51	60			31	03							30	37
		2	20	1	40			24	97	51	60			26	63							24	97
		1	85	1	30		29	26	76	47	75			20	68							26	76
3	20	3	90					32	76	82	54			49	68							32	76
1	81		70		60		70	37	68	43	75			6	07							37	68
								36	96	55	45			18	49							36	96
	75	2	50		83			18	67	34	85			16	18							18	67
	50	2	00		25			12	81	45	45			32	60							12	85
8	00	4	45	3	15	4	45	120	58	114	90	$5	68					5	23			125	81
8	00	4	30	3	05	4	30	111	00	111	00											111	00
		4	00	1	50			42	40	56	75			14	35							42	40
2	80	2	80					53	20	72	21			19	05							53	70
5	20	2	60					55	15	67	05			11	90							55	15
		13	0					116	00													16	00
1	00	4	45		60			52	80	68	35			15	55			2	00			54	80
1	13		62					24	54	69	75			45	21							24	54
1	00	1	00		60	1	00	17	32	55	60			38	28							17	32
		10	76					94	31	323	75			229	42			7	83			102	16
		4	30	3	70			87	58	136	70			49	17							87	58
		8	47					109	52	141	90			32	38			2	83			112	35
								6	00	36	00			30	00							6	00
	22	3	84					43	21	74	85			31	64							43	21
		1	50					13	13	54	50			41	37							13	13
										25	80			25	80								
								7	95	54	25			46	30							7	95
								1	58	55	60			54	00							1	58
								2	42	54	25			51	83							2	42
								12	00	41	25			29	25							12	00
								10	10	34	85			24	75							10	10
4	50	3	63	1	60	2	50	59	08	18	15	93										59	08
3	50	2	25	1	00	1	10	40	49	45	20			4	71							40	49
15	84	16	32	5	55	7	90	212	31	203	85	$	46			$2	71					213	56
2	00	3	00	2	00			63	81	193	10			129	79							63	81
4	80	2	40	1	70	2	40	59	85	61	95			2	10							59	85
3	00	3	00					71	51	105	75			34	24	10	74					82	25
2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	142	69	234	80			91	91	5	00					147	89
1	00	1	00		41			32	36	30	30											32	36
		4	63					54	32	103	20			48	88							54	32
2	20	1	10		75	1	10	28	35	28	35											28	35
		2	00	1	40			44	10	51	60			7	50							44	10
		2	15	1	50			47	05	55	45			8	40							47	05
5	40	2	70	1	90	2	70	771	37													71	37
$96	33	142	52	$47	34	$34	94	$2369	76	$3734	10	$17	13	$1469	04	$18	49	$26	73			$2415	00
																				$1	00	$1	00
																				1	00	1	00
																				1	00	51	00
																						150	00
																						5	00
																				1	00	1	00
																						3	00
																						10	00
																						9	50
																						10	00
																				1	00	1	00
																				1	00	1	00
$10	50	$10	50	$10	50	$10	50									$10	00	$5	00	$27	00	77	00
																				1	00	1	00
$96	83	143	02	$47	84	$35	44									$28	49	$31	73	$34	00	$2729	10
50	60	74	08	17	60	19	34														50	604	36
147	43	157	10	$65	44	$54	78									$28	49	$31	73	$34	50	$3334	06
129	80	132	97	47	17	47	68									28	49	31	73	34	50	2915	33
$17	63	$24	13	$18	27	$7	10															$418	73

‖ $1.00 of this for State S. S. Association.

Respectfully submitted,

| For State S. S. Association.

A. L. SELIG, *Treasurer*.

APPENDIX B.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																		Index No. for line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.						Finances.				
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Abilene, H. C. Haithcox, D. D.	Trinity	1	..	2	1	13	2	2	4	3	1	4	..	..	198	$10000 00	.....	$1300 00		1
Atchison, vacant	St. Mark's	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	60	..	..	..	..	..	100	10000 00	$2000 00	1563 84		2
Banner City, H. A. Koogle	Mt. Zion	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	24	20 00	.....	252 00		3
	St. James'	1	..	1	..	..	..	12	2	1	4	..	6	2	48	1500 00	.....	276 00		4
Barnes and Greenleaf, J. Nelson Lentz	Messiah	1	..	2	..	..	1	7	2	6	..	..	..	..	30	1500 00	200 00	293 04		5
	Trinity	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	3	..	35	2000 00	105 00	416 56		6
Beloit, Paul G. Tonsing	Zion's	1	1	1	..	5	..	..	3	7	..	9	1	..	72	3000 00	.....	395 00		7
Bunker Hill B. F. Kistler	Mt. Zion	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	1	..	85	2000 00	400 00	168 84		8
	Excelsior	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	..	..	..	..	37	.....	.....	183 96		9
Chapman, H. A. Koogle (sup.)	Ebenezer	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	33	1000 00	.....	99 00		10
	Scherer Memorial	1	..	2	..	..	..	4	5	1	2	1	6	..	27	2000 00	800 00	257 00		11
Effingham, S. Martin Lesher	First Lutheran	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	10	1	4	..	..	..	51	2000 00	.....	325 19		12
	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	7	..	..	9	2	..	4	..	3	50	5000 00	2000 00	392 58		13
Ellsworth	St. Paul's	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....		14
	Trinity	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....		15
Emporia, G. C. Cromer	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	2	6	1	5	3	..	86	13500 00	2850 00	1137 64		16
East Norway, Jacob A. Clutz, D. D.	Evan. Lutheran	1	..	..	..	10	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	89	3000 00	.....	378 60		17
Eureka, R. B. Wolf	Christ	1	..	2	..	5	1	..	4	2	..	4	2	..	65	4000 00	.....	404 05		18
Hays City, Henry Zimmerman	Trinity	1	..	1	..	33	..	2	3	3	..	7	..	..	55	2250 00	540 00	631 86		19
Hutchinson, A. M. Reitzel	Zion	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	3	..	52	4500 00	2300 00	236 29		20
Hanover, Julius Paetznick		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....		21
Jerico, J. J. Chambers	Bethel	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	7	3	..	3	3	..	34	50 00	.....	104 32		22
Kansas City, J. M. Crouer	First Lutheran	1	..	2	..	25	3	5	35	9	4	33	5	..	250	58000 00	1500 00	3888 93		23

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| Index Number. | SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. | | | | T. P. SOCIETIES. | BENEVOLENCE. | | | |

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Kansas City, Edw. P. Schueler.	Children's Memorial.	1	..	2	..	....	..	12	1	1	..	1	4	..	98	$ 6,000 00	$500 00	$1045 49	
Lawrence, Vacant	English Lutheran	1	..	2	..	....	1	6	17	2	..	..	3	..	97	7000 00	....	1064 30	
Leavenworth, J. W. Kimmel.	First Eng. Lutheran	1	1	2	..	....	..	9	3	4	2	5	4	1	42	12 0 0 00	5.0 0 00	....	
Minneapolis, J. F. Sponseller.	St. Paul's.	1	..	2	1	31	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	..	58	5200 00	750 00	530 00	
	St. John's	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	5	....	....	1	2	1	49	....	....	175 00	
	Grace	..	1	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Morrill	St. Paul's.	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42	....	....	....	
New Cambria, J. M. Long	New Cambria	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	42	5000 00	....	....	
	St. Paul's.	1	..	..	..	12	1	1	..	4	....	....	....	....	40	500 00	....	....	
Norcatur, Jonas Freet	St. Mark's	1	..	1	..	13	1	1	3	4	1	4	....	....	32	1800 00	700 00	220 00	
	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	9	1	1	4	....	2	3	....	1	27	1200 00	300 00	160 00	
Ottawa, J. B. Umberger	St. Paul's, Ottawa	1	..	2	..	4	....	1	1	..	....	1	1	1	47	3000 00	300 00	496 60	
	St. Paul's, Garnett.	1	..	1	..	6	....	3	1	....	1	3	2	....	37	4700 00	1500 00	334 93	
Peabody, R. H. Williams	St. Paul's.	1	1	2	..	13	....	9	3	7	4	6	4	....	109	4500 00	.....	1923 08	
Portland, Vacant	Trinity	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Salina, H. M. Oberholtzer	St. John's	1	..	2	..	20	1	9	....	2	3	2	7	1	153	10000 00	300 00	1261 00	
Sedalia, John F. Seibert	Trinity	1	..	2	..	13	..	....	4	6	3	12	13	7	79	750 0 00	4200 00	1738 50	
St. Joseph, Edward F. Trefz	First Eng. Lutheran	1	1	1	..	10	1	5	9	12	3	13	9	..	92	10000 00	5.80 00	420 00	
Topeka, A. E. Wagner	First Lutheran	1	..	1	..	15	4	8	2	5	3	10	10	2	103	1500 0 00	700 00	1651 61	
Vinland, Vacant	St. John's.	1	1	1	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25	15 0 00	....	140 00	
Waterville, I. B. Heisey	Evan. Lutheran	1	2	1	..	30	2	2	3	6	1	9	....	....	83	3500 00	....	490 00	
	Hebron	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	2	4	....	....	2	....	22	2500 00	300 00	150 00	

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1	16	132	$195 6	$18 89	38	$13 50	$2 50	$1 60	10 60	$18 76	$16 00	$10 00	96 62	$15 00	$21 50	.....	$5 30	$3 70	.....	.....	*$189 17	$1154 66
1	22	118	132 10	16 35	75	5 00	30 00	1 65	11 00	28 60	22 55	20 50	5 83	5 83	21 18	.....	8 47	.....	.....	.....	126 54	1192 83
1	15	85	25 0	7 00	30	4 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	2 70	7 00	.....	.....	3 50	.....	1 15	.....	.....	$1 25	22 60	.....
1	13	100	.....	.....	25	10 00	.....	85	5 80	15 10	5 00	6 07	2 96	4 22	52 23	80 22	3 84	.....	.....	.....	91 29	626 29
1	...	...	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	6 18	13	.....	.....	4 32	.....	.....	1 54	.....	.....	.....	13 18	189 13
1	...	...	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	12	100	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....
1	10	60	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 54	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 39	.....
1	8	48	38 00	4 00	....	.....	.....	50	3 20	8 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	292 00
								40	2 70	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 10	110 10
1	11	61	28 74	29 94	17	42 50	.....	.....	4 80	11 70	9 25	9 25	4 50	7 65	23 00	4 50	3 63	1 60	$2 25	.....	81 83	578 43
1	6	50	10 47	13 67	10	.....	.....	.....	2 50	8 75	7 29	7 20	2 90	4 00	.....	3 50	2 25	1 00	1 00	.....	40 29	375 32
1	20	95	81 58	33 25	....	42 00	12 00	2 35	15 80	41 10	32 40	32 40	15 80	26 85	87 91	15 80	16 32	5 55	7 90	7 00	307 23	2240 31
1	26	175	64 50	28 13	40	21 00	.....	2 25	15 00	8 72	5 32	9 00	6 19	8 33	42 00	2 00	5 04	2 00	.....	.....	105 81	1393 81
1	13	87	118 67	31 05	24	50 00	.....	.....	70	4 80	*17 50	9 85	11 25	4 80	4 65	.....	4 80	2 40	1 70	2 40	7 50	72 34	1899 85
1	12	125	75 00	22 50	6	100 00	65 00	1 25	8 20	31 30	16 80	16 80	1 16	.....	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	50 50	132 01	5332 01
1	25	151	51 00	50 54	40	5 00	10 00	2 75	18 20	54 15	10 00	29 77	13 17	11 85	32 20	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	188 59	1840 20
1	70	40	9 00	3 20	12	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00	4 00	1 28	2 50	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 03	116 03
1	14	98	29 39	13 89	50	33 50	13 00	1 20	8 00	12 14	.....	10 00	4 75	13 00	15 00	.....	4 63	.....	.....	.....	69 32	559 32
1	5	35	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	35	2 20	5 70	4 50	4 50	2 20	3 75	23 73	2 20	1 10	75	1 10	.....	52 08	292 08

*$5.00, Home Mission Debt.

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Wellington, R. F. Pugh	St. John's	1	..	1	..	11	1	1	8	1	...	9	4	2	45	$5000 00	$500 00	$225 55		46
	St. James	1	..	1	..	9	....	....	6	1	2	8	1	..	43	1500 00	.....	325 00		45
Whitewater, Maurice D. Berg	Zion	1	1	1	..	....	....	3	....	3	...	1	4	..	50	1500 00	.....	375 00		46
Totals, October, 1897	.....	43	9	51	2	297	22	118	226	117	41	161	107	21	2933	$247800 00	$54985 00	$29171 08		46
Totals, October, 1896	.....	50	7	56	9	258	24	89	141	193	58	185	102	49	2899	246295 00	55693 72	35648 32		47
Increase	.....	...	2	..	...	39	....	29	85	....	...	....	5	..	34	1505 00	.....	.....		46
Decrease	.....	7	..	5	7	....	1	....	....	76	17	24	....	28	.....	.....	808 72	6477 24		46
*Glasco, E. F. A. Hantel	.....	...	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	..	..	95	$3500 00	.....	$500 00		58
*Hanover, Julius Pastzniek	.....	...	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	....	..	..	175	5000 00	.....	70 00		51

* Churches not in connection with Synod, served by members of Synod.

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1	1	1	30	$10 15	$14 50	8	$7 00	.....	60	84	40	30	84	82	8	.....	.....	$2	$1 40	.....	.....	$10 00	$95 65
2	1	1	90	18 45	14 00	.....	.....	.....	63	60	10	10	30	35	7	.....	.....	1	1 50	.....	.....	63 95	359 15
3	1	1	120	40 00	.....	32	67 00	.....	81	5	11	10	22	5	21	35	40	2	70	.....	.....	97 57	472 57
4	1	1	80	10 00	.....	15	8 00	.....	56	5	6	5	10	10	5	10	10	1	50	.....	.....	37 50	183 50
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APPENDIX C.—Apportionment Table for Kansas Synod, 1897-8.

CONGREGATIONS AND CHARGES.	Membership.	General Synod Treasury.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education	Pastors' Fund....	Orphans' Home ...	Deaconess Board ...	Home for the Aged.	Total.....
Per capita.....	....	.02	.10	.25	.19	.19	.10	.12	.10	.05	.035	.05	$1.205
Abilene, Trinity.....	198	$3 96	$19 80	$49 50	$37 62	$37 62	$19 80	$23 76	$19 80	$9 90	$1 93	$9 90	
Atchison, St. Mark's.....	100	2 00	10 00	25 00	19 00	19 00	10 00	12 00	10 00	5 00	3 50	5 00	
Banner City, Mt. Zion.....	24	48	2 40	6 00	4 56	4 56	2 40	2 88	2 40	1 20		1 20	
" St. James'	48	96	4 80	12 00	9 12	9 12	4 80	5 76	4 80	2 40	3 36	2 40	
Barnes, Messiah.....	30	60	3 00	7 50	5 70	5 70	3 00	3 60	3 00	1 50	1 05	1 50	
" (Greenleaf) Trinity	35	70	3 50	8 75	6 65	6 65	3 50	4 20	3 50	1 75	1 23	1 75	
Beloit, Zion's	72	1 44	7 20	18 00	13 68	13 68	7 20	8 64	7 20	3 60	2 52	3 60	
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion	35	70	3 50	8 75	6 65	6 65	3 50	4 20	3 50	1 75	1 23	1 75	
" Excelsior	37	74	3 70	9 25	7 03	7 03	3 70	4 44	3 70	1 85	1 30	1 85	
Chapman, Ebenezer.....	33	66	3 30	8 25	6 27	6 27	3 30	3 96	3 30	1 65	1 16	1 65	
" Scherer Memorial	27	54	2 70	6 75	5 13	5 13	2 70	3 24	2 70	1 35	95	1 35	
Effingham, First Lutheran	51	1 02	5 10	12 75	9 69	9 69	5 10	6 12	5 10	2 55	1 75	2 55	
" Valley Falls, St. Paul's	50	1 00	5 00	12 50	9 50	9 50	5 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	1 75	2 50	
Ellsworth, St. Paul's													
" Trinity													
Emporia, St. Mark's.....	86	1 72	8 60	21 50	16 34	16 34	8 60	10 32	8 60	4 30	3 01	4 30	
East Norway, Ev. Luth.....	89	1 78	8 90	22 25	16 91	16 91	8 90	10 68	8 90	4 45	3 12	4 45	
Eureka, Christ Church	65	1 30	6 50	16 25	12 35	12 35	6 50	7 80	6 50	3 25	2 28	3 25	
Hays City, Trinity.....	55	1 10	5 50	14 25	10 45	10 45	5 50	6 60	5 50	2 75	1 93	2 75	
Hutchinson, Zion.....	52	1 04	5 20	13 00	9 88	9 88	5 20	6 24	5 20	2 60	1 83	2 60	
Jerico, Bethel	34	68	3 40	8 50	6 46	6 46	3 40	4 08	3 40	1 70	1 19	1 70	
" St. James	29	58	2 90	7 25	5 51	5 51	2 90	3 48	2 90	1 45	1 02	1 45	
Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran	250	5 00	25 00	62 50	47 50	47 50	25 00	30 00	25 00	12 50	8 75	12 50	
" " Child'n's Mem.	98	1 96	9 80	24 50	18 62	18 62	9 80	11 76	9 80	4 90	3 43	4 90	

Apportionment Table for Kansas Synod, 1897–1898.—*Concluded.*

Congregations and Charges.	Membership.	General Synod Treasury ..	Synodical Treasury ..	Home Missions ..	Foreign Missions ..	Church Extension .	Board of Education .	Beneficiary Education .	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged	Total .....
Per capita	....	.02	.10	.25	.19	.19	.10	.12	.10	.05	.035	.05	$1.205
Lawrence, English Lutheran	97	$1 94	$9 70	$24 25	$18 43	$18 43	$9 70	$11 64	$9 70	$4 85	$3 40	$4 85	
Leavenworth, First Eng. Luth...	42	84	4 20	10 50	7 98	7 98	4 20	5 04	4 20	2 10	1 47	2 10	
Minneapolis, St. Paul's	58	1 16	5 80	14 50	11 02	11 02	5 80	6 96	5 80	2 90	2 03	2 90	
Minneapolis, St. John's.....	49	98	4 90	12 25	8 31	8 31	4 90	5 88	4 90	2 45	1 72	2 45	
Minneapolis, Grace.													
Morrill, St. Paul's.....	42	84	4 20	10 50	7 98	7 98	4 20	5 04	4 20	2 10	1 47	2 10	
New Cambria, New Cambria	42	84	4 20	10 50	7 98	7 98	4 20	5 04	4 20	2 10	1 47	2 10	
New Cambria, St. Paul's.....	40	80	4 00	10 00	7 60	7 60	4 00	4 80	4 00	2 00	1 40	2 00	
Norcatur, St. Mark's	32	64	3 20	8 00	6 08	6 08	3 20	3 84	3 20	1 60	1 12	1 60	
Norcatur (Oberlin), St. Paul's...	27	54	2 70	6 75	5 13	5 13	2 70	3 24	2 70	1 35	95	1 35	
Ottawa, St. Paul's	47	94	4 70	11 75	8 93	8 93	4 70	5 64	4 70	2 35	1 65	2 35	
Ottawa (Garnett), St. Paul's	37	74	3 70	9 25	7 03	7 03	3 70	4 44	3 70	1 85	1 30	1 85	
Peabody, St. Paul's	100	3 20	10 00	40 00	30 40	30 40	16 00	19 20	10 00	80	5 60	80	
Salina, St. John's	153	3 06	15 30	38 25	28 07	28 07	15 30	18 36	15 30	7 65	5 37	7 65	
Sedalia, Trinity.....	79	1 58	7 90	19 75	15 01	15 01	7 90	9 48	7 90	3 95	2 77	3 95	
St. Joseph, First English Luth...	92	1 84	9 20	23 00	17 48	17 48	9 20	11 04	9 20	4 60	3 22	4 60	
Topeka, First Lutheran	193	3 80	19 30	48 25	36 67	36 67	19 30	23 16	19 30	9 65	6 76	9 65	
Vinland, St. John's	25	50	2 50	6 25	4 75	4 75	2 50	3 00	2 50	1 25	88	1 25	
Waterville, Evangelical Lutheran.	83	1 66	8 30	20 75	15 77	15 77	8 30	9 96	8 30	4 15	2 91	4 15	
Waterville, Hebron	22	44	2 20	5 50	4 18	4 18	2 20	2 64	2 20	1 10	77	1 10	
Wellington, St. John's.....	45	90	4 50	11 25	8 55	8 55	4 50	5 40	4 50	2 25	1 58	2 25	
Wellington, St. James'	43	86	4 30	10 75	8 17	8 17	4 30	5 16	4 30	2 15	1 57	2 15	
Whitewater, Zion.....	56	1 12	5 60	14 00	10 64	10 64	5 60	6 72	5 60	2 80	1 96	2 80	

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

KANSAS.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The name and title of this Synod shall be: THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

SEC. 2. The Doctrinal Basis shall be, "The Word of God, as contained in the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word, and the faith of our Church founded upon that Word."

SEC. 3. This Synod shall consist of all the ordained Lutheran ministers and licentiates, together with one lay delegate from each pastoral district within its bounds, who submit to this Constitution. Each lay delegate shall have a seat, and the liberty of speech, and a vote.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of Synod to see that the rules of government and discipline prescribed in this Formula of Government are observed by all the congregations and ministers within its bounds, to receive appeals from decisions of church councils, and of special conferences, when regularly brought before it, and review and reverse and confirm the decisions to which they refer; to examine and decide on all charges against ministers and licentiates, that of heterodoxy alone excepted; to form and change ministerial districts; to attend to any business relating to the churches, which is regularly brought before it; to provide supplies for destitute congregations, and to devise and execute all suitable measures for the promotion of piety and the general prosperity of the Church, not otherwise disposed of in this Formula.

SEC. 5. To this end the Synod and Ministerium shall have power to cite any church members within its bounds to appear before them; and to endeavor to obtain other witnesses, when the case may require it.

SEC. 6. If any congregation, hitherto in connection with this Synod, should refuse to observe the resolutions of Synod, or the provisions of the Formula of Government, it shall be excluded from connection with the Synod during the time of its refusal; nor shall any other Synod, nor any Lutheran minister or licentiate, take charge of it without special permission of the President. *Provided, however*, that if the charter of an incorporated congregation be at variance with any articles of this Formula, this charter shall have precedence of those articles with which it is in conflict.

SEC. 7. Any congregation may become connected with the Synod within whose bounds it is situated, by acceding to the provisions of this Formula, and making an annual contribution to the objects apportioned or designated by Synod.

SEC. 8. At least one meeting of Synod shall be held every year, at such time and place as may have been determined on.

SEC. 9. No minister or licentiate shall be absent from the meeting of the Synod without the most urgent necessity. In case of his absence, he shall, if possible, send to the Synod a written apology for his absence. Voluntary ministerial engagements shall not be regarded as a sufficient excuse. Any minister or licentiate violating the provisions of this section shall be called to account by the President at the next meeting.

SEC. 10. These written apologies, as well as all other letters and papers intended for the Synod or Ministerium, ought to be addressed to the President.

SEC. 11. The minister of the place in which the Synod is held, with the church council, shall endeavor to provide for the entertainment of the ministers, candidates, and lay delegates, by Christian friends.

SEC. 12. All the members of the Synod shall endeavor to assemble on the evening of the day appointed.

SEC. 13. Divine worship shall be celebrated, during the meeting of the Synod, as often as may be convenient, and consistent with the business of the Synod.

SEC. 14. Ministers in good standing in other Synods, or in any sister churches, who may happen to be present, or who appear as delegates from said bodies, may be received as advisory or corresponding members, but cannot vote in any decisions of the Synod.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Synod shall be a President, Secretary,

Treasurer and Historical Secretary. The President and Secretary are also the officers of the Ministerium.

SEC. 2. All these officers are annually chosen by ballot, from among the ordained ministers regularly belonging to Synod, by a majority vote, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may be a layman. The same person shall not be eligible for more than three successive years.

President.

SEC. 3. The President shall deliver a Synodical discourse at the meeting of Synod; and he shall, in connection with the pastor of the place, appoint the other individuals who are to preach during the session.

SEC. 4. He shall at the beginning of every Synodical meeting make a written report of all the official business transacted and letters received by him since the last meeting, and of all the important events which have occurred relating to the Synod, and may recommend for its consideration any measures which he may deem necessary or calculated to promote the cause of God. This report shall be laid on the table, and dealt with as with all other papers coming before the body.

SEC. 5. He presides at all the meetings of the Synod and Ministerium.

SEC. 6. The President has a right to take part in the discussions, as well as any other member. When the house is equally divided on any question, he has the casting vote. In all other cases he has no suffrage, except when an election is made by ballot, and then he has not the casting vote.

SEC. 7. The President shall preserve order, not suffer more than one member to speak at a time, secure to each person liberty to speak without interruption from others, and shall prevent a speaker from deviating from the subject before the house.

SEC. 8. The President shall take care that each subject be duly considered before a decision be made. He shall distinctly rehearse each motion, when no one has any further observations to offer, and take the votes of the house on the same.

SEC. 9. When the votes are called for, they are to be given simply by Yea and Nay, and no further observations are then admissible.

SEC. 10. The President has the appointment of all committees which are not to be elected by ballot, or otherwise; and every motion for the formation of a committee shall specify in what way it is to be formed.

SEC. 11. It is an important part of his duty to give counsel to every member of the Synod when he deems it expedient, and particularly to admonish and advise every erring brother. If accusation has been lodged against any member of this body according to Chapter III., Section 5, Formula of Government, or if he has reason to believe that any minister or licentiate is living in any material violation of the rules of this Formula, it shall be his duty to call upon

the individual to relieve his character from said imputation before the Synod or Ministerium.

SEC. 12. Should the President remove from the limits of the Synod, or depart this life, then the Secretary shall succeed him, and discharge the duties of the President until the next Synod.

Secretary.

SEC. 13. The Secretary shall keep a faithful and accurate account of all the proceedings of the Synod and Ministerium; carefully preserve all the papers, the seal, etc., of the Synod, subject to their direction, and shall do all the official writing of the Synod not otherwise provided for. In case of the death or removal of both the President and Secretary, the oldest pastor shall act as President.

SEC. 14. He shall give notice (either by circular or in the public papers, as Synod may direct), to each minister and licentiate belonging to the Synod, of the time and place of the Synodical meeting, at least six weeks previous to the time appointed.

SEC. 15. He is to keep a register of the names of all the ministers and licensed candidates, arranged according to their age in office, and also of the congregations, whether vacant or not, connected with the Synod.

SEC. 16. If the accumulation of business should render it necessary, the President may appoint an assistant Secretary, whose office shall expire at the close of the meeting of the Synod.

SEC. 17. If in the recess of the Synod the Secretary should remove into the bounds of another Synod, or should depart this life, the President shall require the archives, the seal, and all other property of the Synod, to be delivered to him, and shall retain the charge of them until the next session of the Synod, when he shall appoint a Secretary *pro tem.*

SEC. 18. Unless the archives are otherwise disposed of by the Synod, they shall be in the charge and custody of the Secretary. Any minister or delegate of a congregation connected with the Synod shall have free access to them; but no part of them shall be allowed to be taken away or destroyed.

Treasurer.

SEC. 19. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the moneys belonging to the Synod, and shall keep them subject to its order. He shall keep, and present at each annual meeting, a detailed and faithful account of the state of the Treasury.

SEC. 20. Should the Treasurer, during the recess of the Synod, remove out of the bounds of the Synod, or be removed by death, the President shall have all the moneys, certificates, bonds, and documents belonging to the Synod, delivered into his hands, and shall have the charge of them until the next Synodical session.

Historical Secretary.

SEC. 21. The Historical Secretary shall prepare and keep in a suitable book a brief history of the Synod from its organization, giving names of founders, officers, growth, and other items of interest. He shall also keep a convenient record of all standing resolutions of Synod, and a complete file of its printed minutes. He shall also report in brief the proceedings of Synod in the church papers.

SEC. 22. He shall prepare and keep a brief history of each congregation in the Synod, giving date of organization, number of organizing members, names of successive pastors, and time of service, erection of church buildings, their size, cost, time of dedication, etc., and any other items that may be deemed of historical interest.

SEC. 23. He shall also prepare the statistics of our denomination for the State Agricultural Reports, State Sunday-school Association, and such other publications as may desire these statistics.

ARTICLE III.

OTHER MEMBERS OF SYNOD.

SECTION 1. It is the duty of every ordained minister, licentiate and lay delegate of every Synod, not only to observe the provisions of this Constitution himself, but also, as far as in his power, see that it is obeyed by all connected with it.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES, OR CANDIDATES.

SEC. 2. It is recommended to every ordained minister and licentiate, to aid in circulating among the members of his charge, the books and papers proposed by the Synod and General Synod for use.

SEC. 3. No minister or licentiate shall interfere with the congregations of another, by preaching or performing other ministerial duties in them, except by his request or consent, if present; nor in his absence, if he have reason to think that any evil would result to said church.

SEC. 4. Any minister or licentiate in good standing, who removes from the bounds of our Synod into those of another, shall, on application to the President, receive a certificate under his signature, of his honorable dismission; and such certificate shall also be required by this Synod of those applying for admission into it from other Synods.

SEC. 5. Every ordained minister has the right to leave his charge and remove to another whenever he believes it his duty to do so; yet he must give the President timely notice of his intended removal.

SEC. 6. A licensed candidate shall have liberty to visit vacant congregations, either upon receiving an invitation from them, or upon the advice of the Synod or President.

SEC. 7. After a licentiate has a stated charge, he shall be restricted to it, and shall not resign it without the consent of the Ministerium, or, in its recess, of the President.

SEC. 8. A licentiate has power to perform all the ministerial functions during the time specified in his license.

SEC. 9. In addition to the obligations of ministers specified in Chapter III., Sec. 1, Formula of Government, it is the duty of licentiates particularly to devote all their leisure time to their personal improvement in knowledge and grace, to receive counsel from the President, and to apply to him for advice in cases of difficulty.

SEC. 10. Every licentiate must keep a journal of his ministerial acts, which with a few sermons of his own composition, he must deliver, or send annually for the inspection of the Ministerium.

LAY DELEGATES.

SEC. 11. Each delegate, entitled to a seat by this Constitution, shall have equal rights with the ministers in all business belonging to the Synod; that is, may take part in the debates, offer resolutions, and vote on all Synodical questions.

ARTICLE IV.

PROCESS AGAINST A MINISTER.

SECTION 1. As the honor and success of the gospel depend very much on the character of its ministers, the Synod ought to guard with the utmost care and impartiality the conduct of its members.

SEC. 2. All Christians should be very cautious in giving credit or circulation to an ill report of any man, and especially of a minister of the gospel; if any man knows a minister to be guilty of a private censurable fault, he should warn him in private. If this prove fruitless, he should apply to the Church Council, who shall proceed as specified in Chapter III., Section 5, Formula of Government.

SEC. 3. If accusation be lodged, according to Chapter III., Section 5, with the President, within four months of the time of the next Synodical meeting, he shall defer the matter to said meeting; yet if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental errors in doctrine, or a higher crime, he shall immediately direct the accused to suspend all his ministerial duties until his case be decided. If such accusation is lodged with the President at an earlier date, he shall, if the charge be one of drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental error in doctrine, or of higher crime, immediately give notice to all the members of the Conference district to which the accused belongs, to meet without delay at a suitable place, and institute a formal investigation of the case, according to the principles of this Formula. The Chairman

of said Conference district shall immediately fix the time and place of the meeting, and give at least fifteen days' notice of the same to each minister in the district, and also to the parties concerned.

SEC. 4. If the Synod is not divided into Conference districts, the President shall appoint a Committee of three ordained ministers, shall fix the time and place of their meeting, and give all the notices as above required of the Chairman of the Conference district.

SEC. 5. Any three members of the Conference or of the Committee above named, shall have power to proceed and hold a fair and impartial investigation of the case, and to take all such measures as may be just and necessary to determine the guilt or innocence of the accused.

SEC. 6. If the accused confess, and the matter be base and flagitious, such as drunkenness, lewdness, circulating fundamental error in doctrine, or a higher crime, however penitent he may be, he must immediately be suspended from the exercise of his office, and if thought expedient, a time be appointed for him to publicly confess to the congregation and the world his guilt and penitence.

SEC. 7. If a minister accused of atrocious crimes, being duly notified, refuse to attend the investigation, he shall still be immediately suspended from office.

SEC. 8. If the accused deny the charge, and yet on examination of the evidence is found guilty, the Conference or Committee shall nevertheless proceed to pass sentence on him.

SEC. 9. The highest punishment which can be inflicted by a Special Conference or Committee appointed as above specified, is suspension from clerical functions; and this sentence is to be reported to the next meeting of Synod, and remains in force until reversed by the Synod or Ministerium, as the case may be.

SEC. 10. Any minister intending to appeal from the decision of a Conference or Committee, shall give notice of it to his accusers within three weeks of the time when the decision was made, that both parties may be prepared for a new trial.

SEC. 11. Special Conferences not especially convened for the purpose, may attend to any charges of importance against a minister within their bounds, if all the parties concerned are prepared and willing to proceed.

SEC. 12. If at any time accusation be lodged with the President, according to Chap. III., Sec. 5, for a less crime than those above specified, Sec. 3, he shall take no other steps in the case than to write a letter to the accused and accusers, exhorting them to mutual forbearance, and referring them to the next Synodical meeting.

SEC. 13. If accusation against a minister be made immediately to the Synod, and the Synod believe themselves in possession of all the evidence necessary to just decision, the case may be immediately examined and sentence passed.

But if the necessary evidence be not before them, and the crime be such as is specified in Sec. 3, they shall appoint a meeting of the Conference to which the accused belongs, or, if there be no conference district, of a Committee, who shall proceed as above specified.

SEC. 14. If a minister be found guilty of drunkenness, fundamental heresy, lewdness, or higher crimes, his sentence of suspension shall not be removed until after some time of penitent, humble, and edifying conduct. And he cannot be restored by any judicatory but the Synod, or by the Ministerium, if his case was one of fundamental heresy.

SEC. 15. If the common report of the minister's guilt of any of the charges above specified, be such as seriously to injure the cause of religion, and his own churches do not proceed against him, it should be the duty of any other minister or layman, having obtained two other signatures of credible men, to report the case to the President.

ARTICLE V.

VACANT CONGREGATIONS.

SECTION 1. Vacant congregations which cannot be immediately supplied with a minister, are advised to assemble on the Lord's Day, to elect some member of the church, of suitable capacities and character, to conduct the exercises and engage in the worship of God, as recommended in Chapter VII., Sec 1.

SEC. 2. It is also recommended, that at these meetings a portion of the Scriptures, of the prayers contained in the Liturgy, and of some select sermon, such as are approved by the President of Synod, be read.

ARTICLE VI.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

SECTION 1. Synod shall divide itself into two or more districts for the purpose of holding special conferences, which may be held either on a week-day or Sabbath.

SEC. 2. It is desirable, where ministers do not live too far apart, that at least two Conferences should be held annually in each district. They ought to last two days, and the chief business to be performed at them is to awaken and convert sinners, and to edify believers by close practical preaching of the gospel.

SEC. 3. The state of religion in the churches of the district ought to be inquired into, and at least an hour be spent by the Conference alone in conversation on subjects relating to pastoral experience.

SEC. 4. These districts ought to contain between five and ten pastors, and when the number becomes greater, a new district ought to be formed.

SEC. 5. These Conferences ought to be held alternately, in some congregation of each minister and licentiate belonging to the district.

SEC. 6. Special Conferences may examine into any business of congregations which is regularly referred to them, and give their advice; but no Conference shall, under any pretext whatever, perform any business connected with the licensure or ordination of candidates for the ministry.

SEC. 7. Lay delegates may also be sent to these Conferences, under the same regulations as to Synod, if it is thought advisable by the Synod.

ARTICLE VII.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

SECTION 1. The clergy shall hold a meeting consisting exclusively of Scripture elders, that is, preachers, for the purpose of attending to those duties which Christ and his apostles enjoined upon them alone, viz., Examination, Licensure, and Ordination of candidates for the ministry. This meeting is called the Ministerium or Presbytery; by which, in Scripture, is meant ministers alone.

SEC. 2. Licensed candidates may be present at the Ministerium meeting, unless requested to withdraw, and may take part in discussions, but have no vote.

SEC. 3. The Ministerium shall also be the proper body by whom all charges of heresy against a minister are to be examined and decided: as also all appeals from the decision of a church council on a charge of heresy against a layman, or from the decision of a Special Conference on a similar charge against a minister.

SEC. 4. When ordained ministers of other religious denominations make application for admission into connection with Synod, the Ministerium shall be the body to decide on the case.

SEC. 5. A majority of two-thirds of the ordained ministers shall be required, either for the licensure of an applicant as well as the renewal of his license, or the ordination of a licensed candidate, or the admission of an ordained minister of another denomination.

SEC. 6. No minister or licentiate, coming from a foreign country, shall be received as a member of this Synod until after a residence of two years in this country, and unexceptionable deportment during that time. Excepting only, that if an ordained minister comes well recommended for piety and learning, by a Consistorium, or a number of individuals known to the Ministerium as orthodox and evangelical, and if the Ministerium believe they can safely confide in the testimonials, they may receive him for twelve months, after which the vote for his permanent reception as a regular member shall be taken, and the case decided according to Sec. 5.

SEC. 7. All business not specifically entrusted to the Ministerium in this Formula, shall belong to the Synod.

SEC. 8. The order of business in the Ministerium may be as follows:

1. After the session has been opened with prayer, the President shall communicate any business which he may have to report or propose.

2. The licentiates shall hand in their licenses, sermons, and journals, which ought, if possible, to be read by the licentiate before the whole body. If want of time renders this inconvenient, committees ought then to be appointed to examine and report on them.

3. Applicants for licensure are examined.

4. After the examination of the applicants and of the sermons and journals of licentiates, the applicants and licentiates may be desired to withdraw, and the question of their licensure and renewal of license or ordination be discussed and decided.

5. The licensure and ordination may be performed either in the Ministerium or at an appointed hour before a promiscuous assembly.

6. Promiscuous matters relative to ministerial business may then be attended to.

7. Some time then shall be spent in conversation on pastoral experience.

8. The session closed as directed in Chapter XI., Sec. 2.

ARTICLE VIII.

MISSIONS, EDUCATION, EXAMINATION, ETC.

Missions.

SECTION 1. As the blessed Saviour left to His followers the command, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you;" the Synod shall regard it as a sacred duty to adopt, from time to time, such measures as it may deem best calculated to execute this solemn injunction.

SEC. 2. The Synod shall elect a standing committee, to be known as the Advisory Board of Home Missions of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to assist vacant missions to secure supplies and regular pastors when so desired, and shall also co-operate with the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod in the management of our missionary work. This committee shall consist of three ordained ministers to serve for three years each, one of whom shall be elected annually by ballot; the members of the first committee elected to serve for one, two and three years respectively.

Beneficiary Education.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of pastors to instruct the people on the importance of Beneficiary Education, to seek out proper candidates for the ministry, and to collect funds for this work.

Examination and Licensure.

SEC. 4. A Committee of three shall be annually appointed on Beneficiary Education, who shall receive applications for aid, examine the applicants, recommend the amount of aid to be given to each, and render an annual report to Synod of all their action in the matters pertaining to Beneficiary Education.

SEC. 5. There shall be an Examining Committee of five ordained ministers appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to examine candidates for licensure, and ordination. As these examinations may be highly interesting and useful to the whole Ministerium, and will be more faithfully performed if public, it is earnestly recommended that they be performed before the whole body.

SEC. 6. After the examination by the Committee is ended, every member of the Ministerium has the right to ask the applicant any additional questions.

SEC. 7. The examination shall embrace, at least, the following subjects, viz.: Personal Piety and the motives of the applicant for seeking the holy office, the Greek and Hebrew Scriptures, the Evidences of Christianity, Natural and Revealed Theology, Church History, Pastoral Theology, the rules of Sermonizing, and Church Government.

SEC. 8. No Ministerium shall, in any case whatever, license an individual, whom they do not believe to be hopefully pious. Nor shall any applicant, extraordinary cases excepted, be licensed, whom the Ministerium do not find possessed of a competent acquaintance with the subjects named in Section 3, the Hebrew language alone excepted.

SEC. 9. The *Ceremony of Licensure* shall be performed according to the Liturgy of the Church.

SEC. 10. All licenses shall extend to the time of the next annual meeting of the Ministerium, and shall be renewed as a matter of course, whether the licentiate be present or not, unless satisfactory reasons are known to the Ministerium which render a renewal inexpedient. And if, for any reason, no meeting be held at the appointed time, the licenses granted by said Ministerium shall remain in force, until revoked at a subsequent meeting.

SEC. 11. If a licentiate, after some time of probation, does, in the judgment of the Ministerium, prove himself unqualified for the duties of the ministry, his license shall be withdrawn.

Ordination.

SEC. 12. Whenever the Ministerium has decided that an individual shall be ordained, the ceremony may be performed, either at the time, by the assembled Ministerium, or, if preferred, in the church by which he has been called, by the Special Conference, or by a committee appointed for the purpose by the President. The ceremony of ordination, wherever performed, shall be according to the Liturgy of the Church.

Installation.

SEC. 13. It is recommended that pastors be installed in their office, and the President of Synod shall appoint a committee for this purpose at the request of any pastor.

ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1. This Synod adopts the "Formula for the Government and Discipline of the Evangelical Lutheran Church," contained in the Book of Worship, as its standard and rule in all things not otherwise provided for in this Constitution.

SEC. 2. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of Synod, by a vote of two-thirds of the members of Synod present; provided that such alteration or amendment has been proposed in writing at the previous annual meeting of Synod.

SEC. 3. Synod may at any regular meeting adopt, by a two-thirds vote, such By-Laws as may be required, provided that they be not inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. No subject shall be discussed without being first presented in a motion made, seconded, and committed to writing; and the mover shall have the privilege of withdrawing such motion at any time before the question is taken.

2. When a motion has been made and seconded, if a member objects to its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question, "Shall this subject be discussed?" when, if decided in the negative, the motion shall be dismissed; and no motion thus dismissed shall be entered on the Minutes, unless by a vote of the Convention.

3. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

4. No amendment shall be entertained unless germane to the motion under consideration, nor shall any amendment be in order beyond the second degree.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained, except,

(1) To adjourn;

(2) To lay on the table;

(3) To close debate;

(4) To postpone indefinitely;

(5) To postpone to a specified time;

(6) To refer to a Standing Committee or the Officers of Synod;

(7) To refer to a Special Committee;

(8) To amend;

which motions shall take precedence of each other in the order in which they are numbered.

6. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor and is speaking.

7. The motion to adjourn, to lay on the table, to close debate, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be taken without debate.

8. Amendments may be offered at any stage of the question.

9. When a motion is adopted to close debate, the motions then pending before the Convention shall be put in the order of their arrangement, as provided in Rule fifth.

10. A motion to refer or commit is debatable, but until decided, shall preclude all debate of the main question.

11. The President shall decide all questions of order; but any member has a right of appeal from his decision. The question on an appeal shall be stated in the following manner: "Shall the decision of the President stand as the judgment of the Convention?" and until decided shall preclude all debate of the main question. Debate shall be allowed only on appeals taken while a debatable motion is before the Convention.

12. The yeas and nays shall be taken on any question, when requested by five members of the Convention.

13. No member shall speak in debate without first rising from his seat and respectfully addressing himself to the President. He shall confine himself to the subject under debate, and avoid personality; nor shall he be interrupted except with his own consent, and for the purpose of explanation.

14. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Convention.

15. The President shall have the right to speak on any matter before the Convention, provided the chair be filled by another member, and he shall have the power to name any member to perform temporarily the duties of the chair when he may wish to vacate it.

16. The President shall nominate all committees, unless otherwise directed by the Convention.

BY-LAWS AND STANDING RULES.

1. Every pastor shall prepare an annual parochial report according to blanks furnished by Synod; also a report on the State of Religion.

2. That the Secretary prepare blank forms for reports on the State of Religion, and to include in said form such items as most naturally come under such report.

3. Reports on the "State of Religion" shall be sent to the President of Synod, and mention shall be made in his annual report of the State of Religion in the Synod.

4. It shall be the duty of the Historian of Synod to gather and record an accurate account of the important facts pertaining to the history of each congregation connected with the Synod, and it shall be the duty of each pastor promptly to assist the Historian in this work upon every request made by him.

5. A vacant church or charge shall settle its financial obligation with the retiring pastor before electing another, or engaging a stated supply, except in the judgment of the President it should be deemed necessary to arrange otherwise.

6. A Committee of three, to be known as the Parochial Committee, shall be annually appointed, to the Chairman of which all the pastors and congregations of Synod must send their parochial reports two weeks before the day of the meeting of Synod, and this Committee shall meet one day before the day appointed for Synod, and arrange, complete, and be ready to report to Synod the full and complete parochial report.

7. The Synodical year shall close on the Tuesday two weeks preceding the appointed day for convening of Synod; and everything given and done after that day shall be credited as work of the new year.

8. It is the sense of this Synod that congregations are morally responsible for the raising of their apportionment, whether they have a pastor or not.

9. That the Treasurer of this Synod pay at least one-half of all the funds that come into his hands for the Board of Church Extension into the Donation fund.

10. That a minister, not a pastor, to become a member of a church must enter by the same door and be received in the same manner as any other Lutheran asking the same privilege.

11. That the Secretary of Synod shall receive twenty-five dollars annually for his services.

12. That the Examining Committee be authorized to meet on the day before

the opening of Synod, and that the applicants for licensure or ordination be required to meet the committee at such time.

13. That ministers having removed from the bounds of the Synod be urged to unite with the Synods respectively within whose bounds they may reside.

14. In all pastorates composed of two or more congregations, their relation cannot be dissolved without consent of this Synod. That in no case shall a man be called as pastor to any part of a pastorate, or resign his work in any part of a pastorate; but in all cases the call and the resignation must be a transaction of business conducted through the joint council of the pastorate.

15. The regular Synodical communion service shall be held on the first evening of Synod, immediately after the annual sermon of the President.

16. That when members of this Synod ask for a letter of dismission to some other denomination, if such applicant has received beneficiary aid and has been less than ten years in the work of the ministry, he be refused a letter of dismissal until he fulfils the obligation to the Synod which furnished him the aid.

17. The Beneficiary Education Committee shall be governed by the following instructions:

(1) They shall consider all applications for aid and examine the applicants.

(2) They shall require of the applicant a written statement, certified to by his pastor, as to his conversion, piety, talents, and evidence of a call to the ministry in the Lutheran Church.

(3) They shall also ascertain his ability to support himself, and how much aid he would need.

(4) They shall direct his course of study and determine where it shall be pursued, and shall obtain reports of the candidate's deportment and progress in study.

(5) They shall require a pledge from all beneficiaries to abstain from the use of tobacco.

(6) They shall have power to dismiss from aid any beneficiary whenever in their judgment they deem proper to do so.

(7) They shall require each beneficiary to give the following promissory note for moneys received:

(Place) ———, (Date) ——.

On demand, for value received, I promise to pay the Treasurer of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Kansas —— dollars, with interest at 7 per cent. per annum until paid. It is understood, and hereby made a part of this contract, that the giver of this obligation is to enter the ministry of the General Synod of the Ev. Lutheran Church in the United States and faithfully labor therein. Should he voluntarily fail to do either, this promissory note must be fully and legally met, otherwise to be null and void. (Name) —— ———.

(8) They shall require from all our beneficiaries a quarterly statement of

their progress in studies, and an annual certificate of their standing and conduct from the President of the college or seminary they attend.

18. That the Synod impress upon our beneficiary students the great necessity and advantage of self-denial and self-help.

19. That the Treasurer of Synod and the Committee on Beneficiary Education be, and they are hereby, authorized to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary to pay to the beneficiary students dependent upon the Synod for their support, the sums promised them, at such times during the Synodical year as the exigencies of the case may require.

20. Believing that it would be a more efficient method of administering the funds of Synod, as well as to relieve the students from anxiety in regard to the payment of their bills, we recommend that this Synod found scholarships at Midland College. That the benefits of such scholarships be available to young men of limited means who are preparing at Midland College for the gospel ministry of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, and whose piety and ability have been approved by the Committee on Beneficiary Education. That the money for such scholarships be paid by the Synodical Treasurer into the hands of the President of Midland College, or President of Western Theological Seminary, to be expended in the payment of tuition, room-rent, heat and board. That the Committee on Beneficiary Education be governed by the existing rules in granting the benefits of such scholarships to young men; and that the Treasurer be instructed to require of such young men the same legal obligations as before.

21. That the amount paid by this Synod annually to any beneficiary student shall not exceed $150.00. That the Committee on Beneficiary Education be allowed to aid any students they see fit, aside from those designated by Synod, provided the funds be in their hands to do so.

22. This Synod will receive no more beneficiary students upon its funds who shall not have prepared themselves for the Freshman classes in our Colleges, provided such preparation might have been obtained at their homes.

23. That the Calendar Committee be instructed to nominate a Beneficiary Committee, to consist of two ministers and one layman, one to hold for three years, one for two years, and one for one year; the Committee to nominate the men for the several terms.

24. That the Trustees of Synod are, by virtue of their office, members of Synod.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The transactions of Synod shall be conducted as follows:

1. At the time appointed for the meeting, the members present shall assemble, and if four ordained ministers and two lay delegates be present, they shall constitute a quorum.

2. The President shall open the first session by a prayer, after the brethren

have unitedly sung a hymn. And every session of the Synod and Ministerium shall be opened and closed with prayer. In the absence of the President, the first prayer shall be made by the Secretary, and if he also be absent, by one of the elder ministers present.

3. After prayer, the Secretary shall call the names of all the ordained ministers and licentiates belonging to the Synod, and note the absentees.

4. The lay delegates shall then exhibit the certificates of their appointment, and their names be registered by the Secretary as members of the Synod.

5. The President shall make his report (Article II., Section 4) as the last official act of his office, and then inform the members, that

6. The election of officers for the ensuing year is now to be attended to.

7. Admission of delegates or ministers from other ecclesiastical bodies; according to Article I., Section 14.

8. The minutes of the last Synod may be read, or referred to a committee.

9. All papers intended for the Synod or Ministerium are to be handed in, and verbal notice may be given of any important business intended to be brought before the Synod.

10. The Secretary shall then number the papers as arranged by the President, after which they shall be taken up and discussed before the whole house in numerical order, or be first referred to committees, as the house may direct. The reports of committees may be heard and acted on at any time, and the intervals filled up by the succeeding items.

11. Appointment of committees:

(1) On President's Report.

(2) Auditing Committee.

(3) On Parochial Reports.

(4) On State of Religion.

(5) On Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod.

(6) On Application of Churches for Admission into Synod.

(7) On Leave of Absence and Excuses.

(8) On Apportionment.

(9) On Temperance.

(10) On Devotional Exercises.

(11) On Synodical Calendar.

(12) Special Committees, to whom shall be referred other business not otherwise provided for.

13. The Treasurer's account shall be heard.

14. The number of vacant congregations shall be inquired into and provisions made or them.

15. Promiscuous business.

16. Election of delegates to the General Synod, or to other ecclesiastical bodies, and of Trustees of Synod of Kansas, Tressler Orphans' Home, and other Institutions with which Synod may have such relations.

17. Choice of the time and place for the next meeting of Synod.

18. Dissolution of the Synod, and annunciation of the time of the ministerial session.

19. Should the President or Secretary be absent at the proper time for opening a session, the members present may elect others *pro tempore*.

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New Cambria.	
Salina.	
Waterville.	

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE.

Organizations.	*Committee.*
Emporia.	MRS. J. B. WHERFEL, Hutchison.
Hutchison.	MRS. BENDER, Peabody.
Peabody.	MRS. HANSTINE, Annelly.
Perth.	
Whitewater.	

LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

MRS. H. L. YARGER, 926 South Fifth street, Atchison.
MRS. F. D. ALTMAN, Atchison.
MRS. M. L. LESHER, Effingham.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

KANSAS SYNOD,

CONVENED IN

PEABODY, KANSAS, OCTOBER 21-22, 1897.

FIRST SESSION.

The convention was opened with a praise and consecration service, led by Miss Tillie Scanlon, of Abilene. The delegates, with few exceptions, were all present at this opening service.

At 9:30 the convention was called to order by the President, who opened the business session with prayer. Credentials were received, with the following roll of

Officers, Life Members, Delegates and Visitors Present.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. Alice G. Bond.
Mrs. M. A. Ackers.
Mrs. R. H. Williams.
Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer.
Mrs. Nettie L. Hoffer.
Mrs. O. J. Peters.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. C. Wherfel.
Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer.

DELEGATES.

Abilene—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Miss Tillie Scanlon.
East Norway—Miss Mary Turkleson.
Emporia—Miss Edna Kellar.
Hutchison—Mrs. A. M. Reitzel, Mrs. A. Rutledge.
Minneapolis—Mrs. J. F. Sponseller.
Lawrence—Mrs. C. J. Eriksen.
Peabody—Mrs. C. J. Seybold, Mrs. A. Bender, Mrs. J. Brown.
Salina—Mrs. Wm. Berg, Mrs. M. A. Nothstein.
Topeka—Mrs. A. C. Maxwell.
Whitewater—Mrs. E. Sherrar, Mrs. M. Berg.

VISITORS.

Mrs. C. Wherfel.
Miss Anna Sponseller.
Mrs. Hanstine.

Report of Northeastern Conference.

The Auxiliaries of this district number fourteen, including nine Woman's Societies, one Young People's Society, and four Children's Bands. Throughout the past year they have manifested such a commendable spirit of activity and progress that, notwithstanding the peculiarly trying experiences of several, we have reason to feel that the Lord hath prospered us.

Efforts to promote the efficiency of the Auxiliaries of this Conference have been made through correspondence, and at a Conference meeting held in Atchison in December. We regretted that all of the Auxiliaries of the Conference were not represented, but we appreciated the kind letters of greeting

from such as were not represented. By invitation, representatives from the missionary societies of sister denominations of the city met with us, and contributed not a little to the success of the meeting.

No new organizations were effected during the year, but we hope that before many years pass there will be an increase in the number of Young People's Societies, Children's Bands, and Woman's Societies in this conference.

It is our prayer that the Synodical year upon which we are about entering may witness still greater development in the auxiliaries of this conference, and of the Synod entire, than during any year of the past.

And surely such growth in numbers and in zeal is not an unwarrantable expectation, when we recognize God's infinite goodness to us. A review of the past leads us to exclaim, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," whilst a realization of present blessings prompts the eager inquiry, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?"

ELLA C. BEEGLE,

Vice-President Northeast Conference.

Midland College, Atchison, Kan., Oct. 18, 1897.

Report of Southwestern Conference.

Woman's Missionary Societies exist in all but three of the congregations in this Conference. These feel they have all they can do at present with their home work, but we trust the time is not far distant when organizations shall be effected in all of them.

No meetings with Conference have been held throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. H. ACKER.

Report of Northwestern Conference.

The Committee regret they have nothing special to report. An effort was made to hold a meeting in connection with Conference at its May meeting. Owing to sickness and inability to attend on the part of those nearest, no meeting was held.

In March the Salina Society visited Abilene in response to an invitation to attend their monthly meeting and quarterly tea, and in May Abilene Society visited the Salina Auxiliary to attend the annual tea. This interchange of visits was found profitable and helpful. We recommend this plan to others.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. O. J. PETERS.

Corresponding Secretary's Report of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the Kansas Synod for the Year Ending October, 1897.

Location.	Organized	President.	Members. Active	Honorary	Life	Corresponding Secretary.	Total Number of Members	Average Attendance	Journals	Children's Missionary	Value of Boxes	Monthly Meeting.
Abilene	1880	Mrs. A. W. Johntz	20	2	..	Miss Eva Haithcox	22	12	17	....	$6 00	1st Tuesday.
Atchison	1885	Mrs. Ella C. Beegle	11	..	2	Mrs. F. D. Altman	11	8	24	....	.....	1st Saturday.
Denver	1885	Mrs. C. W. Heisler	10	..	..	Mrs. Zern	10	9	14	....	.....	2d Thursday.
East Norway	1881	Mrs. R. M. Ladwig	18	..	..	Miss C. Hoverson	18	17	15	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Emporia	1885	Mrs. John Hoffer	12	4	..	Mrs. M. B. Seward	16	8	13	....	.....	1st Wednesday.
Effingham	1892	Mrs. G. W. White	10	..	..	Mrs. W. S. Harman	10	7	6	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Hebron	1879	Mrs. S. Kistler	9	2	..	Mrs. Lura E. Rice	11	6	....	....	.....	2d Thursday.
Hutchinson	1889	Mrs. Mary Landis	11	1	1	Mrs. J. B. Chapman	12	6	7	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Kansas City, First	1884	Mrs. J. M. Cromer	22	..	1	Mrs. Emma S. Black	22	12	13	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Kansas City, Mem.	1884	Mrs. J. M. Searles	12	6	1	Mrs. R. B. Storm	18	12	6	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Lawrence	1886	Mrs. A. Monroe	8	3	1	Miss Belle Schell	11	6	....	....	.....	2d Thursday.
Leavenworth	1892	Mrs. Vanholt	11	1	1	Mrs. H. A. Lord	12	8	10	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Minneapolis	1885	Mrs. J. F. Sponseller	7	3	..	Miss M. J. Bardonnar	10	5	9	....	.....	1st Wednesday.
Ottawa	1885	Mrs. A. E. Eggers	9	1	..	Mrs. J. B. Umberger	10	6	....	....	.....	1st Wednesday.
Peabody	1885	Mrs. Geo. Funk	26	..	..	Mrs. R. H. Williams	26	13	34	....	.....	1st Wednesday.
Salina	1882	Mrs. Wm. Berg	15	6	1	Mrs. N. Noethstine	21	10	15	50	6 00	2d Thursday.
Topeka	1881	Mrs. F. A. Harman	21	..	8	Mrs. S. H. Price	21	12	22	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Whitewater	1889	Mrs. M. A. Acker	18	3	..	Mrs. M. Berg	21	8	17	..	.....	2d Wednesday.
Waterville	1879	Mrs. I. B. Heisey	9	5	1	Miss F. S. Bancroft	14	6	7	....	.....	2d Saturday.
21 Societies.		Totals	259	37	17		296	171	229	50	$12 00	

Corresponding Secretary's Report.—*Concluded*

Location.	Organized	President.	Members. Active	Members. Honorary	Members. Life	Corresponding Secretary.	Total Number of Members	Average Attendance	Journals	Children's Missionary	Value of Boxes	Monthly Meeting.
Y. P. Societies.												
Atchison and M. C. 1 Society.	1890	Miss C. Blackburn	7	..	..	Miss Lizzie Snell	7	5	....	....	.....	1st Sunday.
Children's Mission Bands.												
Atchison	1891	Mary Yarger	30	..	..	Flossie Zimmerman	30	18	...	....	.....	Every other Sat.
Effingham	1893	Frances Herron	11	6	..	Pearl Davis	17	12	....	....	.....	Alternate Sat.
Kansas City, Mem.	1892	.....	34	..	..	Gladys Colt	34	18	....	....	.....	1st Sunday.
Lawrence	1890	Josephine Lohman	....	..	..	Rosa Fredericson	....	15	....	30	.....	1st Sunday.
Emporia	1894	Ada E. Wilcox	23	..	..	Ada E. Wilcox	23	10				
Peabody	1889	.....	22	..	..	Mrs. R. H. Williams	22	12	....	45	.....	1st Saturday.
6 Societies.		Totals	120	6	..	.....	126	85	....	75		
Grand Total	....	28 Societies	386	43	17	.....	429	261	229	125	12.00	

Mrs. H. M. OBERHOLTZER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod for the Year Ending October, 1897.

Societies and Bands.	Synodical Fee.....	Biennial Tax.....	Literature.....	General Fund.....	Thank Offering....	India Pupil.....	India Hospital....	Support of Miss Davis.....	Support of Miss Fahs	Ann Arbor.....	Totals.....
Abilene	.....	$2 20	.....	$37 92	$3 53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$43 65
Atchison	$1 65	.....	.....	17 93	4 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 48
Barnes	.....	60	$0 25	9 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 43
Denver	2 20	.....	50	9 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 20
Effingham	.....	.....	.....	3 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 45
Emporia	1 30	1 30	50	13 35	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 95
Hebron	85	90	50	15 25	3 23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 73
Hutchinson	.....	70	50	11 25	3 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 75
Kansas City, First Church	1 25	1 25	.....	33 00	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Kansas City Memorial	1 20	50	50	12 85	2 47	.....	$1 10	$2 97	.....	.....	21 59
Lawrence	.....	1 00	50	14 90	5 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 15
Leavenworth	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Moray	1 80	1 80	50	21 30	4 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Minneapolis	80	.....	50	7 75	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 05
New Cambria	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20
Ottawa	50	1 00	75	12 20	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 95
Peabody	2 50	2 10	1 00	28 75	8 10	.....	17 05	4 60	.....	$5 25	69 35
Perth	40	.....	25	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 65
Salina	.....	.....	50	21 25	2 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	29 50
Topeka	1 80	1 80	25	25 20	3 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 20

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

Societies and Bands.	Synodical Fee	Biennial Tax	Literature	General Fund	Thank Offering	India Pupil	India Hospital	Support of Miss Davis	Support of Miss Fahs	Ann Arbor	Totals
Whitewater	$2 10	.....	$0 75	$16 60	$2 70	.....	$4 05	.....	.....	.....	$26 20
Waterville	.....	.....	.....	13 65	3 08	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 73
Atchison, Y. P. Mission Band	70	.....	.....	5 60	1 09	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 39
Atchison, Children's Band	1 00	.....	.....	4 42	50	.....	.....	$5 00	$5 00	.....	15 92
Effingham, Children's Band	.....	.....	.....	2 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 54
Emporia, Children's Band	.....	.....	25	2 93	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 18
Kansas City Memorial, Children's Band	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
Lawrence, Children's Band	.....	.....	50	20 47	1 25	$25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 22
Peabody	.....	.....	.....	10 55	8 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 46
Linen (per Mrs. Bond)	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Rev. H. Zimmerman	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Mrs. Ira S. Fleck, Russell, Kansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Collection at Convention, 1896	7 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 45
Total contribution	$28 60	$15 15	$9 00	374 11	$80 81	$25 00	$22 20	$12 57	$5 00	$10 25	$582 69
Balance from last report	23 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 17
Grand totals	$51 77	$15 15	$9 00	374 11	$80 81	$25 00	$22 20	$12 57	$5 00	$10 25	$605 86
Disbursements	29 99	.....	9 00	360 71	80 81	14 20	22 20	12 57	5 00	10 25	544 73
Balance on hand	$21 78	$15 15	.....	$13 40	.....	$10 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	$61 13

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. NETTIE L. HOFFER, *Treasurer.*

Financial Report of Literature Committee.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand October, 1896	$0 13
Sale of Tracts at Convention	14
Received from Societies for Tracts and Mission Studies	10 50
Received from Mrs. Brandt for Journals	1 00
Received donation of postage	1 41
Total	$13 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Mrs. Carr for Mission Studies	$6 50	
Paid to Mrs. Carr for tracts	3 67	
Paid to H. H. Weber for Journals	1 00	
Paid for postage during the year	1 41	
Total		$12 58
Balance on hand		$0 60

Due Mrs. Carr for tracts for July, August, September and October, $1.72.

Historian's Report.

One year ago I presented a catalogue of the Historical matter on hand. Copies of *Mission Studies* and *Missionary Journal* have been continued during the year. I received from Dr. Scholl a large-sized photograph of Mrs. Day. I immediately had it enclosed in frame, as it was the only sure way of preserving it.

The historical record of each Auxiliary is still incomplete. Peabody is the only Society sending such a sketch during the year. I again urge the necessity of contributing such a sketch at once if you have not done so; delegates will please note this. The main points called for: Date of organization, first officers, time of entrance into Synodical Society, and a carefully-prepared statement of amount of money contributed.

I have during the year tried to secure the photos of the five ladies that organized the Kansas Synodical Society. I have the promise of four, and hope to be able to present them at our next convention.

Copies of the Lawrence minutes and also a copy of the Dayton Convention with programmes of the same have been added, and also clippings from church papers of the Dayton Convention and other missionary items have been added to scrap-book.

Respectfully submitted, OLIVE J. PETERS.

In Memoriam.

During the year Mrs. Mary A. Keller and Mrs. Margaret Weller, two worthy members of the Topeka Society, were called to their long home. The Master has a right to His own, and we dare not question God's wisdom. He who

doeth all things well knoweth best why to-day in yonder cemetery lies all that was earthly, and the light of the home circle, earnest workers in the Society of which they were members. The tired hands are folded over the pulseless heart, but we dare not do otherwise than hold our peace, comforting ourselves with the knowledge that our loss is their gain.

"Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

HISTORIAN.

Abstract of Letter from Chairman of Literature Committee.

Early in November, 1896, the Committee wrote to all Societies, soliciting subscriptions of 50 cents for *Mission Studies* and monthly tracts, the responses to which resulted in 26 subscriptions to *Mission Studies* (many of them being individual subscriptions), and 16 to tracts. We did not confine the distribution of tracts to just the sixteen Societies, but sent to some we felt were not able to subscribe.

We have received and distributed quarterly all the monthly tracts, and at the same time a large number of free tracts on "Giving."

You will remember that for the past two years there has been no appropriation from the Synodical funds, as in former years, for the literature work. The payment of 25 cents from each Society does not near defray all the expense of buying and distributing the tracts. We should be able to send literature to all those Societies that are weak and cannot afford to subscribe. The very best way of increasing interest and zeal in this great work of the Master, is by reading and informing ourselves on the subject of Missions. If we are to have intelligent workers, we must have a wider circulation of literature, hoping and praying it may fall into the hands of reading people. Won't you urge more of your Societies and individual members to subscribe for the *Mission Studies* and tracts for the coming year? And, too, I hope it will be possible for this Convention to grant your new Literature Committee an appropriation.

The discussion on literature revealed the fact that some of the Societies had not received the tracts for which they subscribed. The tract bearing on the monthly lesson was reported often received a month or six weeks too late for lesson. The request was made that Literature Committee endeavor to send the same in time for use at monthly meeting.

The following resolution was offered and adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we appropriate $5.00 from the Contingent Fund of the Synodical Society one year for the use of the Literature Committee.

Mrs. O. J. Peters was appointed Assistant Secretary.

Convention committees as follows:

On President's and Vice-President's Report—Mrs. J. F. Sponseller, Mrs. C. J. Seybold, Miss Mary Turkleson.

On Corresponding Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports—Mrs. O. J. Peters, Mrs. M. A. Nothstein.

On Literature Committee and Historian's Report—Mrs. A. C. Maxwell, Mrs. M. Berg, Mrs. Hattie Brown.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. William Berg, Mrs. A. M. Reitzel, Mrs. Sherrar.

Committee on Letters, Papers and Bills—Mrs. A. Bender, Miss Tillie Scanlon, Miss Edna Kellar.

Reporters.

Lutheran Observer—Mrs. J. F. Sponseller.
Lutheran World—Mrs. A. M. Reitzel.
Evangelist—Mrs. A. Rutledge.
Missionary Journal—Mrs. O. J. Peters.
Local Press—Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer.
Prayer by Mrs. C. Wherfel.
Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30.

Opened with roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer, of Salina, conducted a Model Auxiliary meeting.

The lesson study "Giving," followed by a paper "On Systematic and Proportionate Giving," by Mrs. M. V. Cagney.

Extracts from Paper.

The subject was limited to two principal points—the *manner* and *quantity of giving*. First, as to the manner of giving; give systematically—that means orderly, regularly, methodically. As there is law and order in all of God's workings, surely the service of giving to the Church should be as orderly and methodically engaged in as any other service rendered to Christ and His Church.

As to proportionate giving. All professed Christians will admit that they ought to give, but how much is the question? The answer comes directly in our subject, proportionately—that means in *proportion*, not to what is given by your fellow-Christian worker, not in proportion to your expenses, nor the relative good you shall receive from giving, but it means in proportion as God has given you the means whereby you can give.

This was followed by discussion on "What Shall We Give?" The principal thoughts brought out were that time and labor are to be considered as well as means.

A Parliamentary Drill was conducted by the President. The object, to develop parliamentary usages in Auxiliaries.

Discussion of "Young People's Societies." Mrs. Oberholtzer gave some thoughts brought out at the Dayton Convention.

Children's Hour, conducted by Lair Whitticar, President of Peabody Mission Band, consisted of songs and recitations.

The subject of Children's Bands was discussed by Mrs. C. Wherfel, Miss E. Kellar, and others. Also a report read from the Lawrence Mission Band.

The session closed by singing, "We Shall Stand Before the King."

Benediction by Rev. R. H. Williams.

EVENING SESSION.

The seventeenth annual anniversary service was held in St. Paul's Lutheran church, the members of Synod being present in a body, the President, Mrs. Alice G. Bond, presiding.

The opening service was conducted by Rev. E. P. Schueler, of Kansas City Memorial.

Scripture reading and Hymn 32.

Prayer by Mrs. C. Wherfel.

Anthem by choir.

President's address.

Report of the Synodical delegate to the Dayton Convention by Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer and a recitation by Miss Blanche Seybold.

Echoes from the General Synod by Rev. J. M. Cromer and Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Benediction by Rev. A. M. Geiger, Kansas City, Mo.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

9 A. M.

Devotional service led by Mrs. C. Wherfel.

Minutes read and approved.

Reports of Convention Committees.

ON PRESIDENT'S AND VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORTS.

Your Committee on the Reports of the President and Vice-Presidents, offer the following suggestions for your approval:

1. That all Delegates of this Convention urge upon the Auxiliary Societies the most careful attention and prompt response to all communications received, thus lightening, as far as possible, the work of the presiding officer.

2. That we commend the kind and prompt responses of the various Auxiliaries to the President's letters concerning the Missionary Box, and hope all may become more and more interested in this commendable work.

3. That we are grateful for the untiring zeal and faithfulness manifested by our President in the work of the Kansas Synod's Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

4. That the Vice-Presidents' reports were on the whole encouraging, and it is to be hoped that with the return of prosperity, there will also be a reawakening of the missionary spirit and enterprise, and that new work may be introduced and a Society organized in every congregation in the Kansas Synod, where one does not already exist; and that Conference work will be prosecuted with greater vigor than heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. SPONSELLER,
MRS. A. M. SEYBOLD,
MISS MARY TURKLESON.

Adopted item by item.

ON CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

We, your Committee on Corresponding Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, beg leave to submit the following:

We have carefully examined the report of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer's account, with the vouchers, and find the same correct, showing skill and precision in their preparation.

To our Auxiliaries we would recommend more careful preparation and promptness in sending their quarterly reports, thus saving much valuable time and labor to our Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

We would also suggest that a rising vote of thanks be tendered these officers for their efficient services rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. J. PETERS,
MRS. M. A. NOTHSTEIN.

Adopted.

ON HISTORIAN'S AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee has examined our Historian's report, and find that she has been very faithful in her efforts to gather items which will be of interest and benefit to the Synodical Society.

We regret that the Auxiliaries have been so negligent in contributing to this valuable work. We would with her urge upon them the necessity of being more prompt in this matter.

Upon examining the report of the Literature Committee, we find that the money has been wisely expended. We hope that our valuable literature may have a wider circulation in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. C. MAXWELL,
MRS. M. BERG,
MRS. HATTIE BROWN.

Adopted as read.

ON LETTERS AND PAPERS, INCLUDING EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers including Expense Account beg leave to submit the following:

Mrs. Yarger, Chairman of the Literature Committee, begs the auxiliaries to be more prompt in ordering literature. Each auxiliary society should send an order for tracts and Mission Studies.

A paper on systematic and proportionate giving, read by Miss Kellar, was ably prepared and the suggestions given demand our closest attention.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

For postage and stationery (President)	$4 20
For traveling expenses, stationery and postage	5 43
For postage	98
For travelling expenses as Synodical delegate	9 10
For postage and frame for picture of Mrs. Day	1 00
Total	$20 71

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. BENDER,
MISS TILLIE SCANLON,
MISS EDNA KELLAR.

Adopted.

ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions herewith submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That in the mercies which have surrounded us during the past year we recognize and render praise for the overshadowing care of the Heavenly Father, and enter upon this year's work with renewed zeal and consecration.

2. *Resolved*, That in the death of two of our members during the past year we feel the loss sustained and are reminded to "labor while yet it is day, and to be ready when the Master cometh."

3. *Resolved*, That we include in our missionary efforts a firm support of the principle of temperance in all things.

4. *Resolved*, That we return thanks to the pastor and people who so kindly opened their hearts and homes to us, and to the choir and organist for the well rendered music which we have enjoyed, also to the M. E. congregation for the use of their church.

5. *Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered Rev. Trefz for transportation of delegate to General Convention, and also to the Rock Island railroad for passes of Synodical officers to this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. BERG,
MRS. A. M. REITZEL,
MRS. E. SHERRAR.

Adopted.

Officers Elected.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—Mrs. Alice G. Bond, Salina, Kans.
First Vice-President—Mrs. E. C. Beegle.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. J. F. Sponseller.
Third Vice-President—Mrs. C. Wherfel.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. H. Williams.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. M. Reitzel.
Treasurer—Mrs. Nettie L. Hoffer.

The election of Trustee for five years resulted in the election of Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

Devotional services were led by Mrs. Maxwell, of Topeka.
Minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Waring, of Peabody, conveyed greetings from the Kansas Synodical Society of the Presbyterian Church.

Greetings from the sister churches of Peabody, Mrs. Finley from the Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Loose from the Methodist church. Also letters of greeting read from Mrs. A. V. Hamma, Treasurer of the General Society, and from the Deaconess Home at Baltimore; Miss Van DeVere, Miss Crist, Miss Sigmund, all formerly residents of Peabody.

Corresponding Secretary was instructed to answer greetings by letter.

Question Box conducted by Mrs. C. Wherfel.

Question No. 1. Should provision be made to send a delegate to the convention at the beginning of Synodical year, or at the close?

Answer:

Resolved, That we recommend delegates to instruct their Auxiliaries to elect their delegates and alternates at the August monthly meeting, and report the names to the Synodical President immediately thereafter.

Question No. 2. Shall be have a Synodical box next year?

Answer. On motion, it was decided that the Synodical Society prepare a box during this year to be packed at the next annual convention for some needy home missionary.

On motion, the Vice-Presidents of each Conference constitute the Committee on Box-Work.

Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Education, addressed the Convention in behalf of Midland College.

On motion, it was decided that the Executive Committee decide how much and in what manner we shall meet our obligations to the General Society, the amount of the Kansas Synodical Society being $75.00.

A devotional meeting was conducted by Mrs. Nettie L. Hoffer during the packing of a box to Rev. E. A. Roglin, of Pleasant Valley, Nebraska—a home missionary. The value of the box, $90.00.

The announcement was made of the death of Mrs. F. M. Stewart, a worthy member of the Peabody Auxiliary. An appropriate prayer was offered by Mrs. J. F. Sponseller. The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

WHEREAS, It is with deep sorrow that we have heard of the death of our dear sister, Mrs. F. M. Stewart, a former Vice-President of this Society,

Resolved, That He who doeth all things well knoweth best why He has removed from earth this mother and the light of the home circle.

Resolved, God is too wise to err, therefore we humbly bow to His will, praying that by this dear life we may take example and be also ready when the Master calls.

Resolved, May God in His infinite wisdom sustain and comfort the husband and son in this the hour of their great affliction.

MRS. O. J. PETERS,
MRS. A. M. REITZEL.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer.

MRS. R. H. WILLIAMS,
Recording Secretary.

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